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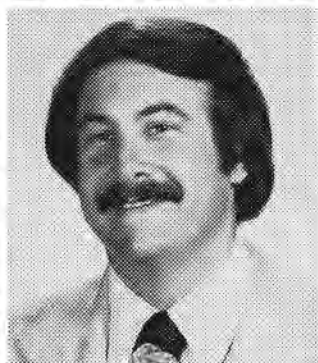
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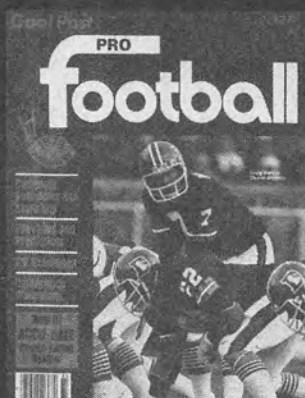
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Major College Standings for 1977

	FINAL BIG TEN CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Michigan	7	1	0	257	78	10	1	0	333	97
Ohio St.	7	1	0	264	49	9	2	0	337	85
Mich. St.	6	1	1	199	107	7	3	1	260	162
Indiana	4	3	1	148	155	5	5	1	205	228
Minn.	4	4	0	108	133	7	4	0	164	176
Purdue	3	5	0	137	192	5	6	0	231	247
Iowa	3	5	0	136	144	4	7	0	171	229
Wisconsin	3	6	0	97	187	5	6	0	133	200
Illinois	2	6	0	86	218	3	8	0	155	278
Northwestern	1	8	0	92	261	1	10	0	102	337

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Ariz. St.	6	1	0	264	91	9	2	0	369	153
BYU	6	1	0	280	108	9	2	0	433	165
Colo. St.	5	2	0	188	163	9	2	1	308	223
Wyoming	4	3	0	112	141	4	6	1	166	273
Arizona	3	4	0	148	159	5	7	0	256	250
Utah	2	5	0	123	245	3	8	0	212	379
New Mex.	2	5	0	160	192	4	7	0	273	339
UTEP	0	7	0	127	304	1	10	0	168	469

PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Fresno	4	0	0	136	67	9	2	0	354	163
Pacific	3	1	0	105	45	6	5	0	230	161
S. J. St.	2	2	0	87	97	4	7	0	231	299
L. B. St.	1	3	0	87	109	4	6	0	234	252
Fullerton	0	4	0	69	166	4	7	0	285	290
x-Utah St.	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	177	249

x-Ineligible for conference competition until 1978.

FINAL PACIFIC 8

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Wash.	6	1	0	238	103	7	4	0	317	174
Stanford	5	2	0	151	171	8	3	0	261	265
So. Cal.	5	2	0	193	104	7	4	0	310	184
UCLA	5	2	0	192	129	7	4	0	274	196
Calif.	3	4	0	125	156	7	4	0	300	211
Wash. St.	3	4	0	164	164	6	5	0	262	236
Oregon	1	6	0	94	248	2	9	0	164	377
Ore. St.	0	7	0	84	198	2	9	0	173	303

FINAL BIG SKY STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Boise St.	6	0	0	190	60	9	2	0	317	181
N. Ariz.	5	1	0	154	90	9	2	0	324	169
Mont. St.	3	3	0	109	114	6	4	0	213	208
Weber St.	2	4	0	122	153	4	6	0	220	252
Idaho	2	4	0	124	165	3	8	0	335	354
Idaho St.	2	4	0	84	139	3	8	0	145	299
Montana	1	5	0	120	169	4	6	0	225	239

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Alabama	7	0	0	209	76	10	1	0	345	133
x-Kentucky	6	0	0	162	50	10	1	0	252	111
LSU	4	2	0	135	131	8	3	0	375	196
Auburn	4	2	0	131	130	5	6	0	204	233
Florida	3	3	0	108	135	6	4	1	251	235
Georgia	2	4	0	79	132	5	6	0	157	191
Miss. St.	2	4	0	105	138	5	6	0	193	227
Miss.	2	5	0	145	143	5	6	0	208	196
Tennessee	1	5	0	112	136	4	7	0	229	227
Vanderbilt	0	6	0	67	172	2	9	0	141	277

x-Ineligible for championship.

FINAL ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
No. Car.	5	0	1	131	54	8	2	1	214	81
Clemson	4	1	1	108	48	8	2	1	225	129
N.C. St.	4	2	0	123	100	7	4	0	235	167
Maryland	4	2	0	142	74	7	4	0	237	172
Duke	2	4	0	128	122	5	6	0	231	221
Virginia	1	5	0	33	142	1	9	1	56	280
Wake Forest	0	6	0	69	145	1	10	0	113	270

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE (Final)

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
VMI	4	1	0	111	58	7	4	0	223	155
UT-Chatt.	4	1	0	100	68	9	1	1	265	167
Citadel	3	2	0	75	63	5	6	0	133	162
Furman	3	2	1	142	116	4	5	2	230	195
W. Car.	2	2	1	119	105	6	4	1	288	217
Appy. St.	1	4	0	89	134	2	9	0	195	329
Marshall	0	5	0	90	204	2	9	0	234	389

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Miami	5	0	0	127	48	10	1	0	262	173
C. Mich.	7	1	0	205	104	10	1	0	317	155
Ball St.	5	1	0	143	59	9	2	0	376	169
E. Mich.	4	3	0	105	67	8	3	0	281	195
Bwg. Gr.	4	3	0	155	148	5	7	0	275	296
Kent St.	5	4	0	144	173	6	5	0	200	241
W. Mich.	3	5	0	168	147	4	7	0	261	231
Toledo	2	7	0	91	218	2	9	0	112	287
No. Ill.	2	5	0	80	175	3	8	0	128	259
Ohio U.	0	8	0	153	232	1	10	0	241	361

FINAL IVY LEAGUE

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Yale	6	1	0	175	68	7	2	0	212	108
Brown	5	2	0	101	73	7	2	0	173	96
Harvard	4	3	0	132	118	4	5	0	153	173
Dartmouth	4	3	0	86	82	6	3	0	141	96
Penn	4	3	0	111	118	5	4	0	160	144
Princeton	3	4	0	118	103	3	6	0	137	144
Columbia	1	6	0	92	162	2	7	0	149	220
Cornell	1	6	0	50	141	1	8	0	86	199

BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Oklahoma	7	0	0	273	98	10	1	0	395	186
Nebraska	5	2	0	191	117	8	3	0	294	183
Iowa State	5	2	0	138	99	8	3	0	235	154
Colorado	3	3	1	124	146	7	3	1	266	174
Missouri	3	4	0	140	141	4	7	0	195	180
Kansas	2	4	1	89	198	3	7	1	131	269
Okl. St.	2	5	0	124	224	4	7	0	240	270
Kan. St.	0	7	0	98	176	1	10	0	146	271

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Texas	8	0	0	306	108	11	0	0	421	114
Arkansas	7	1	0	238	76	10	1	0	368	95
Texas A/M	6	2	0	264	197	8	3	0	322	257
Houston	4	4	0	217	199	6	5	0	282	259
Texas Tech	4	4	0	191	159	7	4	0	281	206
Baylor	3	5	0	159	176	5	6	0	228	220
SMU	3	5	0	178	237	4	7	0	226	319
TCU	1	7	0	139	337	2	9	0	184	435
Rice	0	8	0	117	323	1	10	0	151	458

MISSOURI VALLEY

	CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
W. Texas	5	1	0	174	156	6	4	1	263	183
Wichita	4	1	0	152	91	5	6	0	262	269
N.M. St.	3	2	0	126	72	4	7	0	238	281
Tulsa	2	3	0	107	170	3	8	0	192	398
Ind. St.	2	3	0	80	126	3	7	0	149	240
Drake	1	5	0	82	178	2	9	0	184	317
Sou. Ill.	0	5	0	40	105	3	8	0	96	232

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Air Force	2	8	1	114	296
Army	7	4	0	287	245
Boston College	6	5	0	252	269
Cincinnati	5	4	2	250	121
Colgate	10	1	0	380	217
Dayton	8	3	0	287	197
East Carolina	8	3	0	168	154
Florida State	9	2	0	279	153
Georgia Tech	6	5	0	224	221
Hawaii	5	6	0	248	231
Holy Cross	2	9	0	130	270
Louisville	7	3	1	277	170
Memphis State	6	5	0	228	194
Miami	3	8	0	125	245
Navy	5	6	0	229	230
North Texas	9	2	0	320	179
Notre Dame	10	1	0	382	119
Penn State	10	1	0	348	157
Pitt	8	2	1	394	131
Richmond	3	8	0	129	293
Rutgers	8	3	0	291	181
SDO State	10	1	0	349	165
South Carolina	5	7	0	216	202
So. Mississippi	6	6	0	213	248
Syracuse	6	5	0	218	242
Temple	5	4	1	197	251
Tulane	3	8	0	181	289
Utah State	4	7	0	177	248
Villanova	4	7	0	231	238
Virginia Tech	3	7	1	174	200
West Virginia	5	6	0	244	264
William & Mary	5	6	0	191	197

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	GAMES	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG
COLGATE	11	794	5347	6.7	49	486.1
GRAMBLING	11	805	5329	6.6	58	484.5
BRIGHAM YOUNG	11	881	5172	5.9	55	470.2
SOUTHERN CAL	11	839	4959	5.9	37	450.8
NOTRE DAME	11	918	4840	5.3	47	440.0
TEXAS	11	792	4805	6.1	53	436.8
STANFORD	11	846	4750	5.6	32	431.8
FRESNO ST.	11	873	4695	5.4	44	426.8
PENN STATE	11	865	4646	5.4	39	422.4
ARIZONA STATE	11	928	4643	5.0	45	422.1
ALABAMA	11	821	4584	5.6	45	416.7
SAN DIEGO ST.	11	749	4575	6.1	45	415.9
NEBRASKA	11	847	4569	5.4	36	415.4
OHIO STATE	11	835	4552	5.5	44	413.8
ARKANSAS	11	798	4542	5.7	43	412.9
LSU	11	872	4542	5.2	47	412.9

RUSHING OFFENSE

	GAMES	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
OKLAHOMA	11	709	3618	5.1	40	328.9
OHIO STATE	11	731	3534	4.8	39	321.3
WEST TEXAS ST.	11	697	3503	5.0	32	318.5
TEXAS	11	646	3369	5.2	39	306.3
LSU	11	674	3352	5.0	35	304.7
TENN.-CHATTANOOGA	11	660	3332	5.0	26	302.9
NEBRASKA	11	655	3328	5.1	31	302.5
TEXAS A&M	11	709	3304	4.7	29	300.4
ALABAMA	11	697	3268	4.7	34	297.1
CENTRAL MICH.	11	741	3213	4.3	31	292.1
GEORGIA TECH	11	630	3156	5.0	23	286.9
TEXAS SOUTHERB	11	613	3112	5.1	33	282.9
FRESNO ST.	11	642	3081	4.8	38	280.1
PENN	9	574	2504	4.4	20	278.2
ARKANSAS	11	604	3011	5.0	30	273.7
VILLANOVA	11	681	3010	4.4	22	273.6

TOTAL DEFENSE

	GAMES	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG
JACKSON ST.	11	688	2277	3.3	14	207.0
TENNESSEE ST.	9	609	1883	3.1	11	209.2
LOUISIANA TECH	11	708	2421	3.4	16	220.1
CENTRAL MICH.	11	671	2422	3.6	19	220.2
TEXAS	11	737	2461	3.3	13	223.7
BROWN	9	573	2071	3.6	12	230.1
OHIO STATE	11	694	2539	3.7	10	230.8
FRESNO ST.	11	750	2548	3.4	21	231.6
KENTUCKY	11	728	2590	3.6	12	235.5
TEXAS SOUTHERN	11	705	2606	3.7	25	236.9
NOTRE DAME	11	736	2607	3.5	13	237.0

RUSHING DEFENSE

	GAMES	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
JACKSON ST.	11	446	746	1.7	6	67.8
CINCINNATI	11	478	871	1.8	8	79.2
NOTRE DAME	11	447	981	2.2	3	89.2
TEXAS	11	471	1002	2.1	5	91.1
FRESNO ST.	11	494	1165	2.4	12	105.9
LOUISIANA TECH	11	481	1167	2.4	5	106.1
CENTRAL MICH.	11	475	1209	2.5	13	109.9
SAN DIEGO ST.	11	512	1243	2.4	12	113.0
TEXAS SOUTHERN	11	495	1249	2.5	16	113.5
MICHIGAN	11	488	1287	2.6	6	117.0
KENTUCKY	11	493	1322	2.7	7	120.2

PASSING OFFENSE

	GAMES	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
BRIGHAM YOUNG	11	457	277	23	.606	3758	8.2	41	341.6
GRAMBLING	11	373	187	20	.501	3360	9.0	38	305.5
STANFORD	11	372	235	15	.632	2856	7.7	20	259.6
CALIFORNIA	11	391	214	16	.547	2837	7.3	18	257.9
SAN DIEGO ST.	11	331	192	16	.580	2685	8.1	26	244.1
PURDUE	11	350	190	30	.543	2631	7.5	18	239.2
WASHINGTON ST.	11	346	202	13	.584	2581	7.5	14	234.6
LOUISIANA TECH	11	300	151	18	.503	2552	8.5	9	232.0
LONG BEACH ST.	10	388	186	20	.479	2249	5.8	19	224.9
FLORIDA ST.	11	323	176	18	.545	2466	7.6	18	224.2
W. CAROLINA	11	344	184	17	.535	2421	7.0	18	220.1
COLGATE	11	267	157	17	.588	2345	8.8	20	213.2
NOTRE DAME	11	297	159	14	.535	2289	7.7	18	208.1

PENN STATE	11	257	147	10	.572	2286	8.9	17	207.8
BOSTON COL.	11	304	167	26	.549	2247	7.4	17	204.3
UTAH STATE	11	285	163	14	.572	2242	7.9	15	203.8

PASS DEFENSE

	GAMES	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
TENNESSEE ST.	9	156	52	10	.333	611	3.9	4	67.9
BROWN	9	158	75	9	.475	776	4.9	3	86.2
NORTHERN ILL.	11	165	74	9	.448	974	5.9	8	88.5
INDIANA	11	178	74	13	.416	984	5.5	5	89.5
ARKANSAS	11	227	98	17	.432	984	4.3	1	89.5
WISCONSIN	11	149	58	7	.389	1002	6.7	4	91.1
NEBRASKA	11	202	89	17	.441	1037	5.1	6	94.3
W. CAROLINA	11	172	86	12	.500	1066	6.2	3	96.9
TENNESSEE	11	179	78	10	.436	1067	6.0	6	97.0
NW LOUISIANA	11	188	73	12	.388	1072	5.7	8	97.5
MINNESOTA	11	153	71	15	.464	1095	7.2	7	99.5

SCORING OFFENSE

	GAMES	PTS	AVG.
GRAMBLING	11	462	42.0
BRIGHAM YOUNG	11	433	39.4
TEXAS	11	431	39.2
OKLAHOMA	11	395	35.9
PITTSBURGH	11	394	35.8
NOTRE DAME	11	382	34.7
COLGATE	11	380	34.5
BALL STATE	11	377	34.3
LSU	11	375	34.1
ARIZONA STATE	11	369	33.5
ARKANSAS	11	358	32.5
FRESNO ST.	11	354	32.2
SAN DIEGO ST.	11	349	31.7
PENN STATE	11	348	31.6
ALABAMA	11	345	31.4
OHIO STATE	11	337	30.6

SCORING DEFENSE

	GAMES	PTS	AVG.
NORTH CAROLINA	11	81	7.4
OHIO STATE	11	85	7.7
ARKANSAS	11	95	8.6
MICHIGAN	11	97	8.8
KENTUCKY	11	111	10.1
TENNESSEE ST.	9	91	10.1
JACKSON ST.	11	112	10.2
TEXAS	11	114	10.4
BROWN	9	96	10.7
DARTMOUTH	9	96	10.7
CINCINNATI	11	121	11.0

NET PUNTING

	PUNTS	AVG	NO. RET	YDS RET	NET AVG
MISSISSIPPI	66	45.9	23	167	43.4
TENNESSEE	66	45.0	28	114	43.3
ARKANSAS	48	44.3	24	151	41.2
SMU	63	43.5	32	178	40.7
SOUTH CAROLINA	62	42.1	13	90	40.7
HAWAII	63	41.6	26	79	40.4

PASS INTERCEPTION AVOIDANCE—MIAMI (O.), 2.1% HAD INTERCEPTED (4 OF 195 ATTS.); CLEMSON, 2.1% (4 OF 190); HOUSTON, 2.6% (5 OF 192); CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 2.6% (4 OF 151); DRAKE, 2.8% (8 OF 285); LOUISIANA STATE, 3.0% (6 OF 198); YALE, 3.2% (4 OF 126).

PASS INTERCEPTION LEADERS—HARVARD, INT. 11.4% (18 OF 158 ATTS. AGST.); OHIO STATE, 11.1% (22 OF 198); WILLIAM & MARY, 11.0% (20 OF 181); CLEMSON, 10.2% (21 OF 205); NOTRE DAME, 10.0% (29 OF 289); JACKSON ST., 9.9% (24 OF 242). **LEADERS IN YARDS**—PITTSBURGH, 413; NOTRE DAME, 374; SW LOUISIANA, 354; JACKSON ST., 343; CITADEL, 317; GRAMBLING, 311; BRIGHAM YOUNG, 306.

LEAST PENALIZED TEAMS—OHIO STATE, 20.9 YARDS PER GAME (31 FOR 229); NORTHWESTERN, 31.7 (36 FOR 349); ALABAMA, 32.3 (43 FOR 355); NE LOUISIANA, 32.5 (50 FOR 385); MISSOURI, 34.2 (46 FOR 376); WISCONSIN, 34.4 (37 FOR 378); INDIANA, 34.5 (36 FOR 379); PRINCETON, 36.4 (35 FOR 328).

GOAL POST 1978 TOP TWENTY

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 Alabama | 11 LSU |
| 2 Oklahoma | 12 Clemson |
| 3 Ohio State | 13 Pittsburgh |
| 4 Arkansas | 14 North Carolina |
| 5 Penn State | 15 Florida State |
| 6 Texas | 16 Michigan State |
| 7 Southern Cal | 17 Colorado |
| 8 Notre Dame | 18 Michigan |
| 9 Iowa State | 19 Texas A&M |
| 10 Washington | 20 Brigham Young |

Quick now, when you think back over the past 15 years of college football, which two schools have been powerful most consistently? Granted, the Oklahomas, Southern Cals, Michigans and Penn States have enjoyed their moments in the sun. But when you examine the record book, and add up the national titles won by Notre Dame and Alabama during that era, it's evident they have been the "cream of the crop" lately. Which leads to the logical conclusion that, since the Fighting Irish carted off the national hardware last season, the law-of-averages dictates this will be a "Crimson Year" (the Crimson Tide, that is) in college football.

Actually, Coach Bear Bryant has a lot more going for him than just the "law-of-averages." For openers, there's a wealth of talented players on hand in Tuscaloosa, making this one of the finest teams the venerable Mr. Bryant has ever skippered. And that's quite noteworthy when you recall four of the Bear's previous clubs (1961, 64-65 and 73) won national titles. In their own league, the SEC, 'Bama doesn't figure to be seriously challenged for the top spot. Because in all candor, outside of the Charles Alexander-led LSU Tigers, the rest of the SEC teams don't look that formidable.

The powerful Oklahoma Sooners will finish second nationally and carry off the Big 8 title—which also means the Okies will get a return engagement in the Orange Bowl to try and make amends for last season's Arkansas debacle. Two other Big 8 teams with Top Twenty and bowl potential are Iowa State and Colorado, and while Nebraska looks to be off a bit, "supers" like I.M. Hipp could make us eat that prediction.

Ohio State will occupy the third rung nationally and the top spot in the Big 10, but hold onto your hat, because we're tabbing Michigan State for the No. 2 spot in the league. Oh, the Michigan Wolverines will be strong again and finish in the Top Twenty, although their offense will be weaker with All-American linemen Walt Downing, Mark Donoghue and Mike Kenn graduated.

There's a ding-dong battle shaping up in the Southwest, pitting Arkansas and Texas, with "sleeper" Texas A&M lurking in the background. The Razorbacks and

Longhorns figure to go right down to the wire again in the SWC title scrap, and here's our one word summation of the championship outcome—Soo-i-i-e!

The expanded Pacific-10 will also have a heckuva title race, featuring Southern Cal and Washington, with UCLA and California not to be overlooked. The Trojans have an awesome array of talent that should result in their locking up the No. 1 spot, and with it, a date in next January's Rose Bowl.

Still another league with two very prominent title aspirants is the ACC, where Clemson and North Carolina are "head and shoulders" above the other teams in the conference. Coach Charley Pell's Tigers will finish on top of the ACC, but not without losing a few clumps of fur along the way. One league that looks to be a "cut-and-dry" proposition is the WAC, with Brigham Young the resident "bully boy" now that Arizona and Arizona State have defected to the Pac-10.

Moving to the major independents, Penn State is the first on the list because Coach Joe Paterno is calling this one of his finest teams ever—convincing us the Nittany Lions are in for a banner campaign. Defending national champion Notre Dame still figures prominently, but no matter how fine a program Coach Dan Devine has, it's just gotta hurt the Irish to lose graduated stars like Ross Browner, Ken MacAfee, Luther Bradley, Willie Fry and Ernie Hughes. The "best of the rest" among the independents are the Pitt Panthers and the resurgent Florida State Seminoles, but other "indies" on the verge of major breakthroughs are Georgia Tech, South Carolina, Louisville and East Carolina.

In closing, GOALPOST would like to editorialize for a moment and add our voice to the many urging the NCAA to initiate a national tournament to decide (once and for all) which college football team truly has the right to shout: "We're No. One!" After all, hasn't the NCAA already sanctioned similar tournaments to decide the national champion in sports ranging from basketball to intra-mural basket weaving? So what's wrong with football, fellas!

ACCU-RATE SYSTEM

Each September, as the talk and smell of football pervades the air, the hardcore football fan experiences a feeling of profound excitement as the adrenalin begins to flow in anticipation of another season. Each week during the season a national "line" is quoted by the supposed football experts across the country. The "line" has become as much a part of football as the forward pass and the field goal. It is created to present a challenge to the avid followers of our nation's number one spectator sport. And in the spirit of friendly competition, the average football fan responds to the challenge.

GOAL POST, in recognizing the complexity of this challenge, subscribes to the belief that to every problem—no matter how acute—there is a solution. In keeping with our commitment to better inform our readers, GOAL POST has devised a power rating system utilizing what we call our ACCU-RATE concept. GOAL POST'S new ACCU-RATE = POWER RATING system can be used to measure the strength and subsequently the performance of 84 major college teams throughout the entire football season (see chart on next page) as we will now explain.

We have power-rated 84 major college teams (see chart). We did so by evaluating their won-lost and statistical records at the conclusion of the 1977 season and carefully scrutinizing information we received relative to each team's personnel (returning starters and lettermen, incoming freshmen, Junior College transfers, etc.) for the '78 campaign. Also, we have power-rated the major conferences for the beginning of the new season.

Our "Accu-Rate" is essentially a simple device which we created only after the compilation and careful scrutiny of all statistics of major games played in 1977. For example: we selected one team and analyzed its statistics as follows: added all the "rushing yardage" figures from each of this team's games (generally the amount of games each major team plays is 11) and divided by the number of games played. This provided us with an average rushing figure per game. We did the same thing in arriving at our average passing yardage figure per game. Employing the same method used to create the offensive averages, we also arrived at the defensive averages (rushing yardage and passing yardage allowed per game). After charting the figures for this team's ability to move the ball and to defend against an attack, we turned to other important factors revealed by the team's stats as compiled on a weekly basis for the entire 1977 season. For one, let's suppose that team A has a power rating of 90 and team B a power rating of 86. The conference team B is a member of is rated 4 points better than

the conference team A plays in. Therefore, as rated by our "Accu-Rate" system, the game played between team A and team B would be considered a toss-up. However, one need only probe beneath the surface to uncover an important factor that could tip the scales in favor of one team. Suppose team A possesses a balanced offense of perhaps 180 yards per game rushing and 140 yards per game passing. Suppose also that team A yields an average of 110 yards passing and 40 yards rushing. Team B is essentially a ground oriented outfit, averaging 230 yards per game rushing and only 50 yards passing. Defensively team B yields 150 yards per game rushing and 130 yards per game passing. On the basis of these statistics, we would be inclined to favor team A for the following reasons—their balanced offense would not enable team B to prepare for a concentrated rushing or passing offense. In reverse, the balanced defense of team B would not necessarily be effective in the event team A drew a hot hand in their rushing or passing game. The stats reveal that if team B had to commit it's strength against a better than usual team A rushing attack, then team B would be vulnerable to a passing attack, which could be mounted quite capably by team A. Defensively, team A seems to possess the artillery to halt the ground troops of team B. If team B did find it's rushing game stymied, statistically it does not possess a passing offense potent enough to control the ball. Let's go one step further and look at the averages of points scored per game, and points allowed per game. Suppose team A scores an average of 32 points per game and allows an average of 15 points per game. Team B scores an average of 18 points per game and allows an average of 10 points per game. The averages show that team A scores 14 more points per game, and allows 5 more points per game. If we subtract the defensive edge of team B from the offensive edge of team A, we arrive at a power rating edge of 9 in favor of team A.

There are other factors revealed by a team's statistics that must be taken into consideration before a favorite can be established. For example, what does a team's statistics reveal about it's ability to contain a strong passing attack? Ask yourself these questions: what is the pass completion average allowed by this team? how many interceptions per game do they average? how many touchdown passes do they allow? Also, how strong is their kicking game—offensively and defensively? what is their average punt per game yardage? is their yardage compiled on kickoff and punt returns substantial? do they allow much kickoff and punt return yardage? Further, excessive fumbling indicates poor

execution. On the other hand, if a team forces its opposition to fumble often each game, this would indicate a hard-hitting, aggressive defense.

On the basis of the above statistics, it can be determined that a workable yardstick can be developed to insure

that a definite edge is possible to achieve. And GOAL POST is the first magazine to provide its readers with the opportunity to get that edge. However, we can only provide our readers with a power base at the beginning of the 1978 season. Obviously, a team's power

rating will fluctuate weekly during the '78 season. You the reader must undertake to stat the major teams (as we have listed them on our chart) weekly in order to maintain your edge. This can be done by keeping a weekly statistical record of the major teams and making your adjustments accordingly.

KEY: B Pass-Run equally well • P Pass oriented • R Run oriented

Strengths			Pwr. Rat.	Strengths			Pwr. Rat.	Strengths			Pwr. Rat.
Off.	Def.			Off.	Def.			Off.	Def.		
Air Force	P	P	67	Iowa	R	P	81	Pittsburgh	R	B	92
Alabama	B	B	100	Iowa State	B	B	94	Princeton	B	P	68
Arizona	R	B	83	Kansas	R	P	81	Purdue	P	P	83
Arizona State	R	P	80	Kansas State	R	P	72	Rice	P	B	73
Arkansas	B	B	97	Kentucky	R	B	87	South Carolina	R	B	87
Army	P	R	72	LSU	B	B	93	Southern Cal	R	B	95
Auburn	B	R	84	Maryland	R	P	82	SMU	P	B	85
Baylor	R	P	82	Miami (Fla)	R	R	70	Stanford	R	B	84
Boston College	R	B	79	Michigan	B	B	89	Syracuse	B	P	77
Brigham Young	P	B	88	Michigan State	B	B	90	Tennessee	R	B	82
Brown	B	P	70	Minnesota	R	R	85	Texas	B	B	96
California	B	B	85	Mississippi	B	B	86	Texas A&M	R	B	89
Clemson	B	B	92	Mississippi St	R	P	78	TCU	P	B	76
Colgate	R	P	71	Missouri	R	P	83	Texas-El Paso	P	P	61
Colorado	R	B	90	Navy	P	R	73	Texas Tech	R	P	79
Colorado State	R	B	79	Nebraska	R	B	87	Tulane	P	P	78
Columbia	B	B	64	New Mexico	B	P	80	UCLA	R	B	87
Cornell	R	P	60	North Carolina	B	B	91	Utah	P	P	64
Dartmouth	R	P	63	North Carolina St	R	P	83	Vanderbilt	R	P	69
Duke	B	R	85	Northwestern	P	P	68	Virginia	B	P	73
Florida	R	P	77	Notre Dame	B	R	94	Virginia Tech	R	P	82
Florida State	P	B	91	Ohio State	R	B	98	Wake Forest	R	P	71
Georgia	R	P	80	Oklahoma	R	B	99	Washington	R	B	93
Georgia Tech	B	R	87	Oklahoma State	R	P	76	Washington St	P	R	81
Harvard	R	P	66	Oregon	R	R	73	West Virginia	R	P	76
Houston	P	B	80	Oregon State	R	P	78	Wisconsin	B	B	82
Illinois	B	B	77	Pennsylvania	R	B	69	Wyoming	R	P	73
Indiana	B	B	84	Penn State	B	B	96	Yale	B	B	72

ALL-AMERICA AND ALL-SECTIONAL

1978 GOAL POST ALL-AMERICA

OFFENSE

QB	Jack Thompson, Washington State
RB	Ted Brown, North Carolina State
RB	Charles Alexander, LSU
RB	I.M. Hipp, Nebraska
WR	Jerry Butler, Clemson
TE	Ron Beyer, Arizona
T	Jim Bunch, Alabama
T	Keith Dorney, Penn State
G	Greg Roberts, Oklahoma
G	Joe Bostic, Clemson
C	Dave Huffman, Notre Dame

DEFENSE

E	Al Harris, Arizona State
E	Kelton Dansler, Ohio State
T	Mike Bell, Colorado State
T	Mike Stensrud, Iowa State
MG	Reggie Kinlaw, Oklahoma
LB	Mike Jackson, Washington
LB	Bob Golic, Notre Dame
LB	Jerry Robinson, UCLA
DB	Vaughn Lusby, Arkansas
DB	Jeff Delaney, Pittsburgh
DB	Max Hudspeth, New Mexico



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1978 All-Deep South

OFFENSE

QB Jeff Rutledge, Alabama
 RB Charles Alexander, LSU
 RB Ottis Anderson, Miami (Fla.)
 RB Kelsey Finch, Tennessee
 WR Ernest Gray, Memphis State
 TE Curtis Weathers, Mississippi
 T Jim Bunch, Alabama
 T Robert Dugas, LSU
 G Jay Williams, Tennessee
 G Mickey Thames, Mississippi
 C Dwight Stephenson, Alabama

DEFENSE

E Wayne Hamilton, Alabama
 E Willie Jones, Florida State
 T Don Smith, Miami (Fla.)
 T Charlie Cage, Mississippi
 MG Richard Jaffe, Kentucky
 LB Freddie Smith, Auburn
 LB Scot Brantley, Florida
 LB Barry Krauss, Alabama
 DB James McKinney, Auburn
 DB Don McNeil, Alabama
 DB Ronnie Myrick, Vanderbilt

1978 All-Midlands

OFFENSE

QB Thomas Lott, Oklahoma
 RB Dexter Green, Iowa State
 RB I.M. Hipp, Nebraska
 RB Bo Robinson, West Texas State
 WR Rickey Watts, Tulsa
 TE Kellen Winslow, Missouri
 T Matt Miller, Colorado
 T Jim Clark, Oklahoma State
 G Greg Roberts, Oklahoma
 G Brian Neal, Iowa State
 C Paul Tabor, Oklahoma

DEFENSE

E Stuart Walker, Colorado
 E Steve Hamilton, Missouri
 T Mike Stensrud, Iowa State
 T Phil Tabor, Oklahoma
 MG Reggie Kinlaw, Oklahoma
 LB Lee Kunz, Nebraska
 LB Daryl Hunt, Oklahoma
 LB Tom Boskey, Iowa State
 DB Leroy Irvin, Kansas
 DB Sherman Taylor, Wichita State
 DB Russ Calabrese, Missouri

1978 All-Pacific

OFFENSE

QB Jack Thompson, Washington State
 RB Darrin Nelson, Stanford
 RB Charles White, Southern Cal
 RB Theotis Brown, UCLA
 WR "Spider" Gaines, Washington
 TE Ron Beyer, Arizona
 T Jeff Toews, Washington
 T Bill Segal, Arizona
 G Pat Howell, Southern Cal
 G Duke Leffler, California
 C Mark Childress, Washington State

DEFENSE

E Al Harris, Arizona State
 E Ralph DeLoach, California
 T Manu Tuiasosopo, UCLA
 T Doug Martin, Washington
 MG George Yarno, Washington State
 LB Mike Jackson, Washington
 LB Jerry Robinson, UCLA
 LB Gordy Ceresino, Stanford
 DB Kenny Easley, UCLA
 DB Nesby Glasgow, Washington
 DB Robby Chapman, Stanford

1978 All-Southwest

OFFENSE

QB Ron Calcagni, Arkansas
 RB George Woodard, Texas A&M
 RB Ben Cowins, Arkansas
 RB Curtis Dickey, Texas A&M
 WR Emanuel Tolbert, SMU
 TE Ron Lee, Baylor
 T Mike Jusko, SMU
 T Greg Kolenda, Arkansas
 G Doug Holmes, Texas A&M
 G David Sledge, Baylor
 C Wes Hubert, Texas

DEFENSE

E Tim Campbell, Texas
 E Jerry Saxton, Arkansas
 T Curtis Reed, Texas Tech
 T Jimmy Walker, Arkansas
 MG Gary Don Johnson, Baylor
 LB Larry Jackson, Arkansas
 LB David Hodge, Houston
 LB Putt Choate, SMU
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1978 All-Midwest

OFFENSE

QB	Larry Fortner, Miami (Ohio)
RB	Ron Springs, Ohio State
RB	Russell Davis, Michigan
RB	Jerome Persell, Western Michigan
WR	Dave Petzke, Northern Illinois
TE	Mark Brammer, Michigan State
T	Bill Dufek, Michigan
T	Tim Foley, Notre Dame
G	Ken Fritz, Ohio State
G	Mike Mayer, Iowa
C	Dave Huffman, Notre Dame

DEFENSE

E	Kelton Dansler, Ohio State
E	Dave Aherns, Wisconsin
T	Curtis Greer, Michigan
T	Jim Ronan, Minnesota
MG	Larry Williams, Ball State
LB	Bob Golic, Notre Dame
LB	Tom Cousineau, Ohio State
LB	Jack Lazor, Kent State
DB	Mike Guess, Ohio State
DB	Mark Anderson, Michigan State
DB	Joe Restic, Notre Dame

1978 All-Atlantic Coast

OFFENSE

QB	Mike Dunn, Duke
RB	Ted Brown, North Carolina State
RB	Amos Lawrence, North Carolina
RB	James McDougald, Wake Forest
WR	Jerry Butler, Clemson
TE	Mike Newhall, Virginia
T	Steve Junkmann, North Carolina
T	Mitchell Smith, East Carolina
G	Joe Bostic, Clemson
G	Mike Salzano, North Carolina
C	Jim Richter, North Carolina State

DEFENSE

E	Johnathan Brooks, Clemson
E	Ken Sheets, North Carolina
T	Bubba Green, North Carolina State
T	John Sturdivant, Maryland
MG	Reuben Turner, Wake Forest
LB	Carl McGee, Duke
LB	Buddy Curry, North Carolina
LB	Kyle Wescoe, North Carolina State
DB	Gerald Hall, East Carolina
DB	Derrick Glasper, Virginia
DB	Jeff Nixon, Richmond

1978 All-East

OFFENSE

QB	Bill Hurley, Syracuse
RB	Matt Suhey, Penn State
RB	Vince Thompson, Villanova
RB	Art Monk, Syracuse
WR	Gordon Jones, Pittsburgh
TE	Clennie Brundidge, Army
T	Matt Carroll, Pittsburgh
T	Keith Dorney, Penn State
G	Bob Hurley, Holy Cross
G	John Schmeding, Boston College
C	Pat McEvoy, Villanova

DEFENSE

E	Hugh Green, Pittsburgh
E	Chuck Schott, Army
T	Matt Millen, Penn State
T	Fred Smerlas, Boston College
MG	Joe Jelich, West Virginia
LB	Rick Donaldson, Penn State
LB	Doug Curtis, Colgate
LB	Al Chesley, Pittsburgh
DB	Ron Brown, Brown
DB	Jeff Delaney, Pittsburgh
DB	Mike Guman, Penn State

1978 All-Rockies

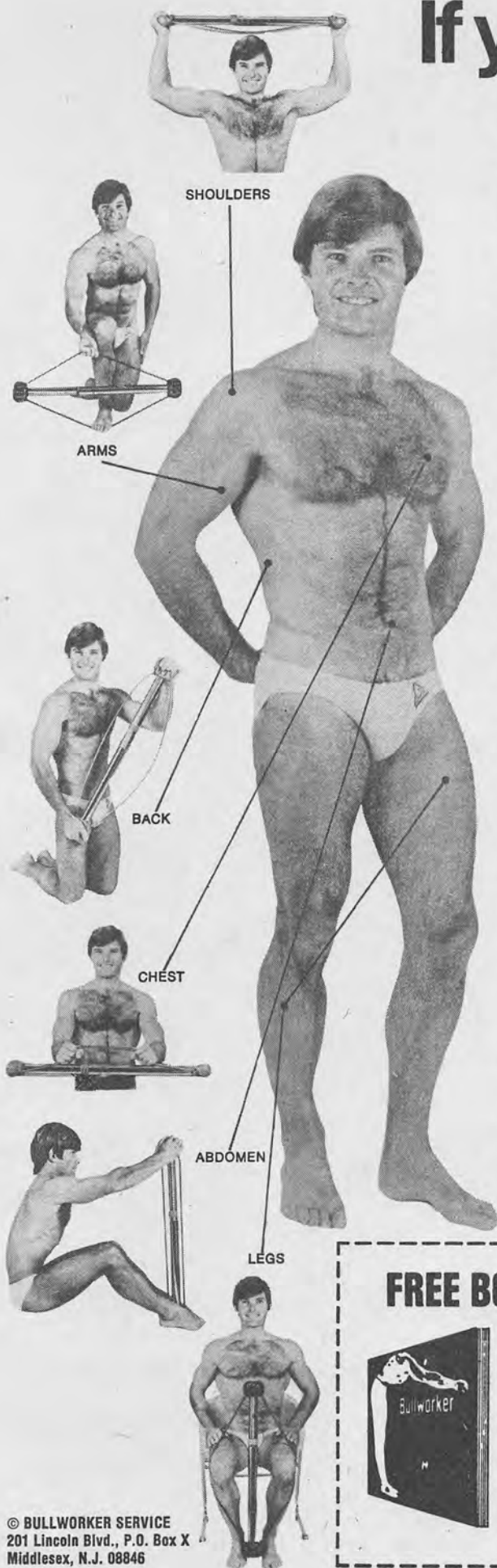
OFFENSE

QB	Marc Wilson, Brigham Young
RB	Myron Hardeman, Wyoming
RB	Mike Williams, New Mexico
RB	Rick Parros, Utah State
WR	Bubba Garcia, Texas (El Paso)
TE	Chris Combs, New Mexico
T	Johnny Miller, Wyoming
T	Kevin Powell, Utah State
G	Pete Inge, San Diego State
G	Tom Krebs, Utah
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E	Matt Mendenhall, Brigham Young
E	Charlie Baker, New Mexico
T	Mike Bell, Colorado State
T	Rulon Jones, Utah State
MG	Mike Sobolewski, Utah
LB	Ken Fantetti, Wyoming
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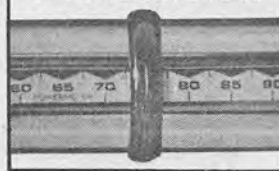
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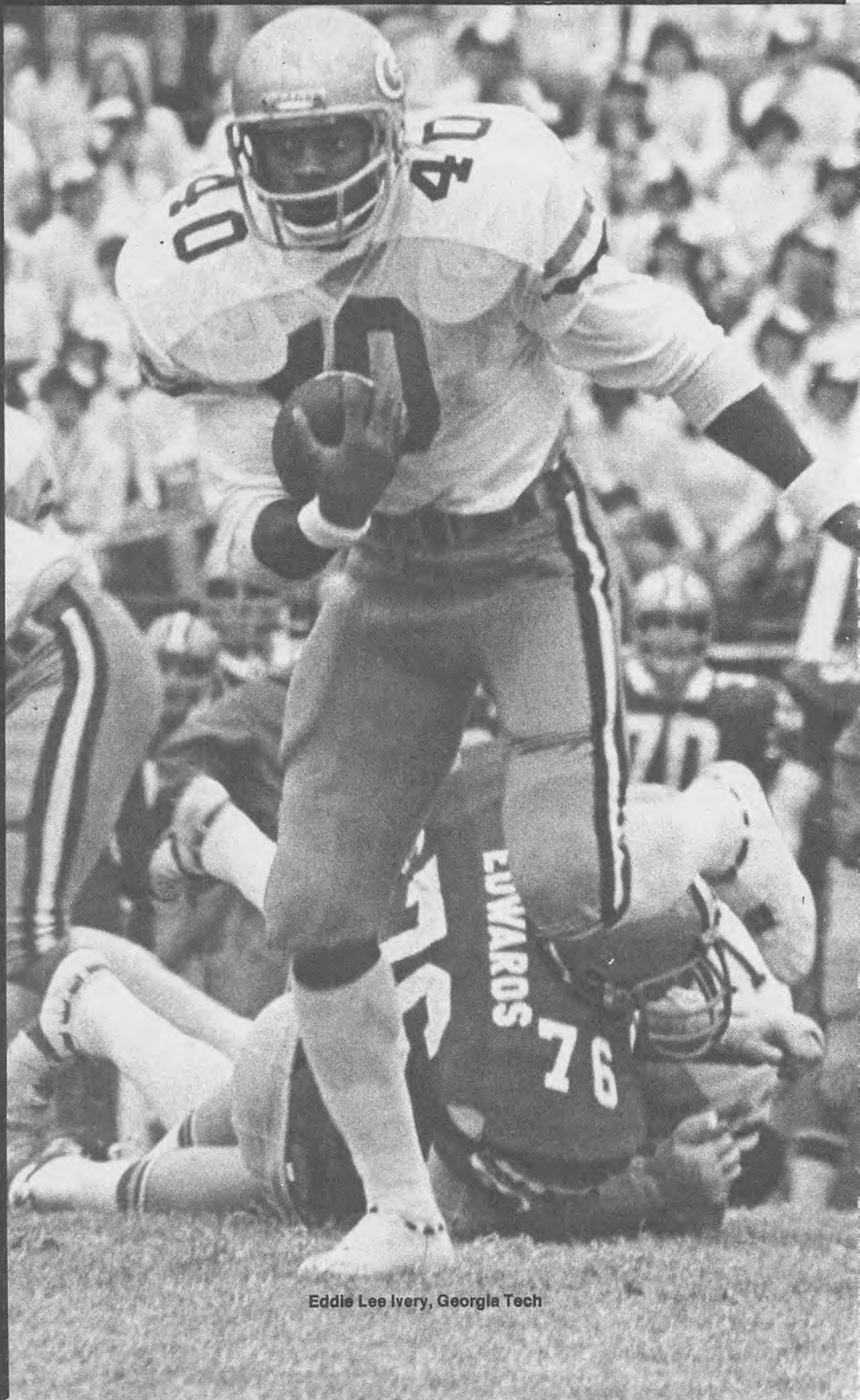
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ALABAMA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6

Defense 8

1978 Schedule

Sep 16	Missouri	
Sep 23	USC	21-20
Sep 30	Vanderbilt	24-12
Oct 7	Washington	
Oct 14	Florida	
Oct 21	Tenn	24-10
Oct 28	Virginia Tech	
Nov 4	Miss State	37-7
Nov 11	LSU	24-3
Nov 25	Nebraska	24-31
Dec 2	Auburn	48-21

OFFENSE

Pulling the trigger on 'Bama's powerful Wishbone attack is senior Jeff Rutledge (6-2, 200), who tossed strikes on 64 of 107 passes, good for 1,207 yards and eight TDs last season. Graduation claimed All-American split end Ozzie Newsome, a brilliant receiver, and trying to take the sting out of his loss are senior Bruce Bolton (5-11, 175) and junior Keith Pugh (6-1, 185), top reserves at split end last year. Back at tight end is senior Rick Neal (6-2, 210), while supporting him are juniors Buddy Aydelette (6-5, 230) and Tim Travis (6-1, 225).

Also departed via the graduation route is top '77 rusher Johnny Davis, but chief among the returnees is senior Tony Nathan (6-2, 190), who averaged 6.2 yards per carry on his way to rushing for 642 yards last season. Other experienced ball toters sure to share with the workload are senior Lou Ikner (5-10, 170), junior Mitch Ferguson (5-11, 215), sophomores Major Olgilvie (6-0, 185), Billy Jackson (6-0, 190) and Willie Sanders (6-2, 205). The Crimson Tide welcomes back only two regulars in the offensive line, but since both junior tackle Jim Bunch (6-2, 235) and junior center Dwight Stephenson (6-3, 235) are All-American prospects, they give Coach Bear Bryant a heckuva good nucleus to build around. Juniors Mark Brock (6-3, 240) and Vince Boothe (6-3, 235) will step into the guard holes, while banging heads for the right to man the other tackle spot are junior Wiley Barnes (6-4, 255), sophomores Farrar Montgomery (6-9, 300), Scott Allison (6-5, 245), Dave McMillan (6-4, 250) and Joe Robbins (6-3, 245).

DEFENSE

Hardly a year goes by that the Crimson Tide doesn't field a rugged defensive unit, and this season sure won't be any exception with eight '77 regulars back in tow. Returning in the front wall are senior tackle Marty Lyons (6-5, 250), junior tackle David Hannah (6-3, 240) and junior end Wayne Hamilton (6-5, 225), all outstanding defenders. Getting first crack at the nose guard spot is sophomore Byron Braggs (6-6, 255), and battling to claim the vacant flank spot are sophomores E.J. Junior (6-3, 220) and

John Mauro (6-4, 215).

Another long-standing tradition at 'Bama is great linebackers, and the best of this year's group is senior Barry Krauss (6-3, 230), with help from seniors Rickey Gilliland (6-1, 215) and Rich Wingo (6-2, 220). Holding over in the secondary are senior Murray Legg (6-0, 190) and junior Don McNeal (6-1, 185), while part-time '77 regular Ricky Tucker (6-0, 175) seems destined to occupy one of the vacant spots. Former regular Phil Allman (6-2, 185), out last season because of an injury, wants the fourth starting assignment, but he'll have to fend off senior Allen Crumbley (6-0, 185), junior Dave Coleman (6-1, 190) and sophomores David Reeves (5-11, 190) and Don Jacobs (6-2, 175).

SUMMARY

The always-strong Crimson Tide forged out an 11-1 mark last season counting their 35-6 crushing of Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl and wound up second ranked in the nation to Notre Dame. But if you'll turn to our 1978 Top Twenty preview (on page 11), you'll see Alabama ranked Numero Uno in our poll heading into this season. And we also think that's where you'll still find Coach Bear Bryant's Tide when this season is over!

LSU

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 5

1978 Schedule

Sep 16	Indiana	21-24
Sep 23	Wake Forest	
Sep 30	Rice	77-0
Oct 7	Florida	36-14
Oct 14	Georgia	
Oct 21	Kentucky	13-33
Nov 4	Mississippi	28-21
Nov 11	Alabama	3-24
Nov 18	Mississippi St	27-24
Nov 25	Tulane	20-17
Dec 2	Wyoming	66-7

OFFENSE

Setting things in motion on offense for the Tigers is junior quarterback Steve Ensminger (6-3, 200), who may have been just scratching the surface of his potential last season when he completed 71 of 159 passes for 952 yards and nine TDs. Sprinting underneath his spirals again will be junior split end Carlos Carson (5-11, 175) who averaged a sizzling 24.0 yards and scored 10 times on 23 catches in '77. Senior Clif Lane (6-3, 230) also returns at tight end, while back at the other wide receiving berth is senior Mike Quintella (6-0, 185).

The Bayou Bengals will wield a lethal punch when it comes to their rushing attack, featuring senior tailback Charles Alexander (6-1, 210) who set an SEC record last season when he rushed for 1,686 yards. His running mate at full-

back will be junior LeRoid Jones (6-0, 210). Kicking out ahead of them will be a solid offensive line, anchored by senior tackle Robert Dugas (6-3, 265), one of the best blockers in L.S.U. history, senior tackle William Johnson (6-3, 240) and senior center Jay Whitley (6-2, 235). Seniors Lou DeLauney (6-1, 245) and Spencer Smith (6-0, 260), along with sophomore John Watson (6-3, 240) are the top applicants at the guards, and supplying good depth along the front wall will be junior Ralph McIngvale (6-4, 265) and sophomore Eddie Stanton (6-5, 240).

DEFENSE

Graduation plucked six regulars from the defense, but this gang won't be any easier to penetrate because of the quality of the returnees and the potential of some impressive newcomers. Probably the strongest area is the front wall, where junior end John Adams (6-3, 230) is the ringleader. Juniors Jay Blass (6-2, 215) and Willie Gunnells (6-3, 225) are bidding for the other flank spot, while plugged into the tackle holes again are senior Kent Broha (6-1, 230) and sophomore George Atiyeh (6-2, 240).

The linebackers need some repair, since the only returning regular is senior George Cupit (6-2, 230). Battling for the other 'backer spots are seniors Craig Hensley (6-1, 215) and Thad Minaldi (6-0, 220) and sophomore Lyman White (6-0, 210). In the secondary, there's also only one starter back on duty, junior Willie Teal (5-11, 190), although there are some promising candidates to fill the remaining berths. Foremost of that group is senior Clinton Burrell, who missed last season because of an injury, along with senior Brent Elkins (5-10, 190), juniors Rusty Brown (5-9, 185), Dennis Kimble (6-1, 180) and LeRoid Jones (6-0, 188), and sophomore Chris Williams (6-0, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Charley McClendon's Tigers notched a fine 8-4 mark (including their Sun Bowl loss to Stanford) last season, and there's no let-up in sight this year with "supers" like Alexander and some of his talented buddies. The '78 edition of Bayou Bengals should log another banner won-lost mark and bid for the SEC title, while in the process earning themselves another bowl bid.

KENTUCKY

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 6

1978 Schedule

Sep 16	S. Car.	
Sep 23	Baylor	6-21
Sep 30	Maryland	
Oct 7	Penn St.	24-20
Oct 14	Miss.	
Oct 21	LSU	33-13
Oct 28	Georgia	33-0
Nov 4	Va. Tech	
Nov 11	Vanderbilt	28-6

OFFENSE

Everything on offense for the 'Cats hinges on coming up with an adequate replacement for gifted option quarterback Derrick Ramsey, alas, departed via graduation. Getting first crack at the signal calling spot, and a good bet to hang onto the job, is junior Mike Deaton (6-1, 185) who was impressive last season in reserve roles. Speedy junior wide receiver Felix Wilson (5-11, 180), who hauled 14 aeriels for 247 yards and scored twice in '77 heads up the receiving corps. Senior Greg Nord (6-1, 220) and junior Scott Petersen (6-5, 220) will continue to share duties at the tight end spot.

Coach Fran Curci is up-to-her in excellent running backs, which adds up to a very strong rushing attack. Spearheading that overland onslaught will be seniors Rod Stewart (6-2, 200), healthy again after injuries sidelined him most of the '77 campaign, "Fast Freddie" Williams (6-0, 185), Chris Hill (5-10, 190) and Bob Hawkins (6-0, 190), and junior Randy Brooks (5-9, 180). You can't hope to have an explosive attack without strong blocking in the front wall and when you look at the Wildcat's interior line, you just know they'll be dynamite on offense. Plugging the guard holes again are senior Dan Fowler (6-4, 245) and junior Tom Kearns (6-3, 235), while back at the tackles are seniors Richard Jardine (6-6, 255) and Larry Petkovsek (6-5, 265). Snapping the ball is junior Dave Hopewell (6-4, 235), a regular in '77 until laid low by an injury.

DEFENSE

The 'Cats lost several outstanding players on defense, including All-America end Art Still. But it shouldn't make this unit all that much weaker because there're still some fine defenders on hand. Like junior nose guard Richard Jaffe (5-11, 235) who led the team in tackles (103) last season, senior tackle James Ramsey (6-4, 260) and seasoned senior flankmen David Stephens (6-5, 230) and Bud Diehl (6-3, 220). Battling for the remaining tackle spot are senior Bob Winkel (6-4, 250) and sophomore Tim Gooch (6-3, 245), both of whom had injury problems last year.

Senior Kelly Kirchbaum (6-3, 225) is firmly entrenched at one linebacking spot, and he's a rock-ribbed defender. Vying for the other 'backer spot are senior Jim Kovach (6-2, 220), a '76 regular out last season with an injury, senior Dave Fadrowski (6-2, 215), juniors Robb Chaney (6-2, 220), Lester Boyd (6-2, 210) and Carl Marillia (5-11, 215). Back for more action in the secondary are regulars Rick Hayden (6-3, 190), a senior safety, and junior cornerback Larry Carter (5-11, 175), while junior lettermen Ritchie Boyd (6-4, 205) and John Bow (5-11, 180) are the heir apparents at the other two spots in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

The Wildcats streaked to a 10-1 record last season, and would've received a bowl bid if they weren't on NCAA probation. And while the 'Cats lost some outstanding players via graduation, Coach Curci still has enough talent for the '78

edition of KU gridders to finish with a winning record and a first division slot in the SEC—but it's highly unlikely last year's 10-1 mark will be duplicated!

MISSISSIPPI

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7	Defense 7
1978 Schedule	
Sep 9 Memphis St	7-3
Sep 16 S'thern Miss	19-27
Sep 23 Missouri	
Oct 7 Georgia	13-14
Oct 14 Kentucky	
Oct 21 So Carolina	17-10
Oct 28 Vanderbilt	26-14
Nov 4 LSU	21-28
Nov 11 Tulane	
Nov 18 Tennessee	43-14
Nov 25 Mississippi St	14-18

OFFENSE

Leading the Rebels into action this season will be new skipper Steve Sloan, former head coach at Texas Tech and Vanderbilt, both of which he built into powerful teams. On offense, the biggest task facing Sloan is finding a replacement for graduated quarterback Tim Ellis, and first to get a chance at the assignment will be senior Bobby Garner (6-1, 195) who passed and ran for nearly 700 yards last season as the No. 2 signal caller, with relief help from junior Jim Lear (5-11, 190). The pass catching brigade is headlined by senior tight end Curtis Weathers (6-6, 235), an All-American prospect who rambled for 395 yards and four TDs on 23 receptions a year ago. Bidding for the wide receiving spots will be senior Reg Woullard (6-0, 185), back after missing '77 because of an injury, senior Les Kimbrough (5-9, 175), junior Ray Coleman (6-2, 190) and sophomore Norm Seawright (6-1, 185).

Graduation claimed top '77 rusher James Storey, but returning for more action are juniors Leon Perry (5-10, 210) and Freddie Williams (5-10, 185) who picked up 479 and 433 yards, respectively, last season as well as junior Roger Gordon (6-0, 210). The offensive line is a veteran one, which should provide plenty of blocking power for the attack. At the tackle holes, holding over are senior Terry Walker (6-3, 250) and junior Jim Hawkins (6-4, 250), while junior Mickey Thames (6-0, 245) is back at guard and junior Chuck Commiskey (6-5, 265) over the ball at center again. Slated to man the other guard spot is former regular Fernando Harvey (6-4, 255) who sat out last season with an injury.

DEFENSE

New Coach Sloan inherits a battle-tested defense which sees the return of seven regulars, and this unit will be the strength of the '78 Rebs. In the front wall, the tackle holes are once again filled by seniors Charlie Cage (6-3, 245) and Lawrence Johnson (6-4, 255), while senior Bryan Niebuhr (6-4, 250) and senior Bob Grefeng (6-2, 215) are back at their old middle guard and end spots. Set to man the other line flank is junior Bob Peel (6-1, 210), and there's also good depth up front in sophomores Quentin

McDonald (6-1, 235), Bob McGraw (6-4, 255) and John Johnson (6-3, 250).

Holding forth at one linebacking spot is senior Eddie Cole (6-1, 230), and vying for the other 'backer post are senior Don Kitchens (6-3, 220), and juniors Brian Moreland (6-2, 225) and Eddy Householder (6-2, 220). In the secondary, starters holding over are juniors William Day (6-0, 185) and Joe Stewart (6-0, 185), with the remaining berths being competed for by senior George Cain (6-1, 180) and juniors Jon Fabris (6-3, 200) and Matt Phillips (6-1, 185).

SUMMARY

Boy, did Steve Sloan ever walk into the "right" situation when he took the head coaching reins at Ole Miss. Because the team he inherits has a solid offense, although a reliable quarterback is the key to the attack, and a rock-ribbed defensive unit. Last year's Rebs finished 5-6, but with Sloan at the helm and all that talent at his disposal, the '78 edition of Ole Miss gridders will climb above .500 and into the first division of the SEC.

Who Beat The Vegas
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See Page 5

AUBURN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7	Defense 7
1978 Schedule	
Sep 16 Kansas State	
Sep 23 Va. Tech	
Sep 30 Tennessee	14-12
Oct 7 Miami	
Oct 14 Vanderbilt	
Oct 21 Ga. Tech	21-38
Oct 28 Wake Forest	
Nov 4 Florida	29-14
Nov 11 Miss. St.	13-27
Nov 18 Georgia	33-14
Dec 2 Alabama	21-48

OFFENSE

Under center for the Tigers is sophomore Charlie Trotman (5-10, 175), a good option quarterback who claimed the starting job late last season and wound up completing 23 of 47 passes for 389 yards. When Trotman puts the ball in the air, more than likely he'll aim for sophomore split end Byron Franklin (6-0, 185), who averaged 29.9 yards on 13 receptions in '77. Juniors Rusty Byrd (5-9, 170) and Mark Robbins (6-4, 185) are running neck-and-neck for the flanker spot, and there's also a wide-open battle for the tight end berth, pitting senior Dick Hayley (6-0, 210) against juniors Rick Dover (6-3, 220) and Mike Locklear (6-2, 215).

Offensively, the Tigers rely most on their rushing attack, and this year's should be powerful with junior tailback Joe Cribbs (5-11, 195) and senior fullback William Andrews (6-0, 200) returning. Last season, Cribbs rambled for 872 yards, while Andrews blasted for another 635. Supplying depth at the run-

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ning backs will be junior Foster Christy (6-3, 220), sophomore James Brooks (5-10, 175) and freshmen recruits Jeff Cunningham (6-2, 200), Adolph Cosby (6-0, 190) and George Peoples (6-2, 195). The only returnee in the offensive line is senior tackle Mike Burrow (6-5, 260), which could make the blocking corps weaker. Sophomores George Stephenson (6-5, 250) and Jim Skuthan (6-4, 250), both red-shirted last year, are expected to take over at one guard and the other tackle, respectively, while rounding out the front wall are junior center Harris Rabren (6-2, 235), who started at defensive nose guard in '77, and junior guard Mark Callahan (6-4, 245).

DEFENSE

The War Eagle defense should be pretty rugged this season, especially if some position changes pay the kind of dividends expected. First, there's sophomore Marshall Riley (6-4, 250), switched to nose guard after starting in the offensive line last season, and he could be a real standout with experience. Senior Rod Bellamy (6-5, 270), a steady veteran, plus one tackle hole, with the spot opposite him being eye-balled by senior Anthony Jones (6-2, 270), and sophomore Frank Warren (6-6, 280). Crashing in from one line flank again is senior Bob Rhodes (6-0, 210), while battling for the other terminal are junior Ken Hardy (6-2, 210) and sophomore Zac Hardy (6-2, 220).

Belting enemy runners from one line-backing spot is senior All-American candidate Freddie Smith (6-0, 210), a four-year regular, with junior Mike McQuaig once again manning the other 'backer spot. Returning to spark the secondary crew are senior Alan Hardin (5-8, 180) and junior James McKinney (6-0, 190), both '77 regulars, assisted by senior Jeff Gray (6-0, 180), sophomores Jerry Beasley (5-11, 180), Tim Wood (6-0, 180) and Clifford Toney (6-0, 175).

SUMMARY

Coach Doug Barfield's Tigers fell just short (5-6) in their quest for a winning record last season, but they've got the necessary ingredients to achieve that goal this time around. However, the War Eagles are still a year or so away from really hitting their stride, and that means the best they're likely to do in '78 is win six games against a very rugged schedule.

TENNESSEE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8 Defense 4

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	UCLA	
Sep 23	Oregon St	41-10
Sep 30	Auburn	12-14
Oct 7	Army	
Oct 21	Alabama	10-24
Oct 28	Mississippi St	
Nov 4	Duke	
Nov 11	Notre Dame	
Nov 18	Mississippi	14-43
Nov 25	Kentucky	17-21
Dec 2	Vanderbilt	

OFFENSE

Under center for the Vols is junior quarterback Jimmy Streater (6-1, 175)

who came on strong late last season when he passed for 742 yards and rushed for 397 more. Heading up a veteran pass receiving corps is sophomore tight end Reggie Harper (6-3, 225), who hauled in 30 tosses in '77, while also holding over are senior wingback Billy Arbo (6-1, 185) and senior split end Jeff Moore (6-2, 195) who combined for 38 catches a year ago.

Pacing the rushing attack is senior Kelsey Finch (6-0, 200), who slashed for 770 yards last season, with ample support from seniors Bobby Emmons (6-1, 200) and Nate Sumpter (5-11, 195) and junior Jesse Briggs (6-1, 190). Incoming freshmen figuring to share in the ball totting are Glenn Ford (6-1, 190) and Dennis Mahan (6-1, 180). Holding forth at the pivot spot in the offensive line is senior Robert Shaw (6-4, 230), an all-star prospect, while flanking him at the guards will be sophomore Jay Williams (6-3, 260) and junior Bill Marren (6-4, 250), the latter returning after sitting out most of last season because of an injury. Converted guard Charlton Webb (6-4, 240) will occupy one tackle hole, with junior Blane Tidwell (6-4, 250) hoping to take over at the other tackle, but only if he can fend off blue-chip frosh recruit Tim Daniels, a giant-sized 6-8 and 270-pounds.

DEFENSE

Coach Johnny Majors has his work cut out for him on defense, since graduation swept away seven regulars. Bulwarking the front wall is small, but tough junior middle guard Jim Noonan (5-9, 215), while battling to claim the tackle vacancies will be senior Glen Tucker (6-3, 255), sophomores Bill Christian (6-5, 245), Brian Ingram (6-3, 235) and Brad White (6-3, 240). Both flank positions are also up-for-grabs, and hoping to wind up with the starting jobs are senior Dennis Wolfe (6-1, 205) and junior Steve Davis (6-1, 225).

The linebacking play should be solid, led by senior Craig Puki (6-0, 220), who missed the '77 campaign with an injury, senior Lyonel Stewart (6-1, 215) and sophomore Chris Bolton (6-2, 210). The most experienced returnee in the secondary is junior cornerback Roland James (6-2, 185), although both senior Chip Linebarrier (5-11, 180) and sophomore Clark Duncan (5-11, 175) have starting experience at the safety posts. Set to man the other corner is sophomore Val Barksdale (6-0, 170), a regular last season until sidelined by an injury.

SUMMARY

A year ago, in their maiden voyage under Coach Majors, the Big Orange hung up a 4-7 record, but laid the foundation for a brighter future. The '78 edition of Vols, provided injuries are held to a minimum, should be able to notch a few extra victories which will push them over the .500 mark and move up a few rungs in the SEC standings as well.

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GEORGIA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 3

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Baylor	
Sep 23	Clemson	6-7
Sep 30	South Car.	15-13
Oct 7	Miss.	14-13
Oct 14	LSU	
Oct 21	Vanderbilt	24-13
Oct 28	Kentucky	0-33
Nov 4	VMI	
Nov 11	Florida	17-22
Nov 18	Auburn	14-33
Dec 2	Ga. Tech.	

OFFENSE

Getting first shot at the quarterback position for the Bulldogs is junior Jeff Pyburn (6-0, 200) who passed and ran for 660 yards last season when he wasn't bothered by injuries. Should he fall short of expectations, others in line for the signal calling assignment are junior Randy Cook (6-1, 190), sophomores Davy Sawyer (6-3, 190) and Chris Welton (6-1, 200), along with freshman recruit Buck Belue (6-1, 190). The 'Dogs are in great shape at the tight end spot, where seniors Mark Hodge (6-4, 220) and Ulysses North (6-4, 235) will share duties after hauling in 11 passes each in '77. The foremost holdovers at the wide receiving spots are sophomore Anthony Arnold (6-1, 175), plus juniors Gene Veal (6-1, 185) and Carmon Prince (6-3, 200), although incoming freshman Lindsay Scott (6-2, 180) will press for playing time also.

Record-setting ground gainer Kevin McLee has graduated, but returning is running mate Willie McClendon, a 200-pound senior who belted for 705 yards last season. Vying for McLee's old spot are sophomores James Womack (5-9, 190), Donnie McMickens (5-11, 190), Greg Bell (5-11, 185), Mathew Jackson (6-3, 200) and Ron Stewart (5-10, 190). In the offensive line, the picture isn't too bright despite the return of solid veterans like senior tackle Mike Guest (6-3, 250) and senior guard Jim Milo (6-3, 235). Over the ball at center will probably be junior Ray Donaldson (6-0, 235), while flanking him at one guard is junior Matt Braswell. Sophomores Jeff Harper (6-3, 235), a transfer from Alabama and John Webber (6-4, 240), who red-shirted in '77, will try to add some blocking wallop up front.

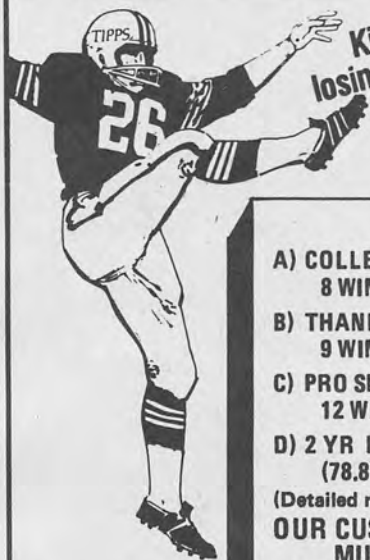
DEFENSE

Graduation really did a number on Georgia's "Junkyard Dogs" defensive unit, leaving only three '77 regulars to rebuild around. The only area not in need of major repair is the line, where the flanks are protected again by juniors Robert Goodwin (6-4, 215) and Gordon Terry (6-2, 210), with senior Louis Freedman (6-1, 235) back at his tackle spot. Senior Paul Petrisko (6-2, 240) will step in at the other tackle, while seniors Greg Williams (6-3, 220) and Steve Dennis (6-1, 210), both returning after injuries sidelined them in '77, will press for playing time at the flank spots.

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graduation, and rebuilding this area will be a tough chore. Senior Ricky McBride (6-1, 205), junior Danny Rogers (6-4, 210) and sophomore Frank Ros (6-0, 210) are counted on to fill the void at the 'backer spot. In the secondary, the nasty old graduation bug took another big bite, which will make the 'Dogs more vulnerable to enemy passing attacks. Vying for the starting assignments in the deep zones are seniors Roger Bennett (5-11, 185) and Robert Hope (6-0, 190), juniors Jeff Hipp (6-2, 185), Pat Collins (5-11, 200) and Steve Rogers (6-1, 190), and sophomore Scott Woerner (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach Vince Dooley's Bulldogs slipped to 5-6 last season, and that skid could continue in '78 since there're some big question marks at quarterback, the offensive line, linebacking and defensive secondary. Faced with their usual rugged schedule, this year's 'Dogs will be mighty lucky to win as many as five games, which won't be enough to prevent their finishing in the SEC's second division.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	West Texas St	
Sep 9	North Texas St	17-15
Sep 23	Memphis State	13-21
Sep 30	Florida	22-24
Oct 7	Southern Miss.	7-14
Oct 14	Florida State	
Oct 28	Tennessee	
Nov 4	Alabama	7-37
Nov 11	Auburn	27-13
Nov 18	LSU	24-27
Nov 25	Ole Miss	18-14

OFFENSE

The Bulldogs have trouble with a capital "T" at quarterback, following the graduation of three-year regular Bruce Threadgill. First in line at signal caller is senior Steve Wohler, a part-time regular in '76 who red-shirted last year. Pressing him will be senior Dave Marler (6-1, 190), who also handles the team's place kicking, sophomores Dwayne Brown (6-0, 200) and Gary Schaffhauser (6-1, 190). Not a very impressive line-up, is it? Provided someone with half a throwing arm pops up at quarterback, ready to catch and run with any passes tossed toward him is explosive sophomore split end Mardye McDole (6-0, 175), who rocketed for 510 yards on 29 receptions last season. Senior Robert Chatman (6-1, 175), who added 22 catches in '77, is back at split end, with support from sophomore Breck Tyler (6-3, 190). At tight end, there's a three-way battle shaping up between senior Bill Maxey (6-3, 220), sophomores Bo Myrick (6-4, 225) and Steve Flemming (6-5, 225).

The main weapon on offense will be the rushing attack, no surprise when you consider last year's top four ball toters are back. At tailback, juniors Len Copeland (6-1, 195) and James Jones (5-11, 190), who rushed for an aggregate 729 yards last season, will share playing

time. And at fullback, sophomores James Doss (6-0, 210) and Fred Collins (6-2, 220) will see like duties. Some repair work must be performed in the offensive line interior, where the only returning regulars are senior center Chris Quillian (6-2, 230) and sophomore guard Alan Massey (6-3, 240). Set to man the other guard hole is sophomore Matt Edwards (6-2, 240), and slated to step in at tackle are junior Alan Hartlein (6-2, 240) and sophomore Robby Scholtes (6-4, 245).

DEFENSE

The Bulldogs have some young "hosses" on defense, like bruising sophomore tackle Tyrone Keys (6-6, 260), and this unit should know improvement as the players pick up experience. Tackle Keys will bulwark the front wall, with junior Lonnie Greene (6-5, 260), a converted nose guard, at the other tackle and the line flanks again protected by seniors Bobby Molden (6-6, 230) and Fred Pepper (6-2, 210), with backup help from senior Ray Peyton (6-2, 220). Moving in at nose guard is junior Jack McCorvey (6-0, 220).

Backing up one side of the line is sophomore Johnny Cooks (6-5, 225), a part-time '77 regular, while fighting to claim the other 'backer spot are junior Ricky Williams (6-2, 220) and sophomore Rusty Martin (5-11, 210). A veteran secondary will insure a tough pass defense, and the leading ball-hawks are senior Gerald Jackson (6-1, 190) and junior Kenny Johnson (5-11, 170). Senior Richard Blackmore (5-10, 170), a '76 starter who missed last season with an injury figures to claim one of the other spots in the deep zones, while the fourth will probably go to senior Henry Monroe (5-11, 185).

SUMMARY

Last season was an "off year" for Coach Bob Tyler's Bulldogs, who finished 5-6, and prospects for the coming campaign aren't much better. In fact, unless MSU can uncover a quarterback of substance and rebuild the offensive line, the '78 Bulldogs will slip deeper into the SEC's second division.

FLORIDA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 3 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 18	SMU	
Sep 30	Miss. State	24-22
Oct 7	LSU	14-36
Oct 14	Alabama	
Oct 21	Army	
Oct 28	Ga. Tech	
Nov 4	Auburn	14-29
Nov 11	Georgia	22-17
Nov 18	Kentucky	7-14
Nov 25	Fla. St.	9-37
Dec 2	Miami, Fla	

OFFENSE

Barking signals for the Gators on offense is senior quarterback Terry LeCount (6-0, 175), who passed for 848 yards and rushed for 628 more last season, although there's a 50-50 chance he won't be able to play in '78 because of an ineligibility ruling by the NCAA. Should the NCAA rule against LeCount,

the signal calling job will be up-for-grabs between junior John Brantley (5-11, 185), sophomore Larry Ochab (5-8, 175) and freshman Tyrone Young (6-6, 195), none of whom have much experience. Graduation claimed all-everything wide receiver Wes Chandler, and his old spot is drawing the attention of senior Tony Stephens (6-0, 185), who caught 12 passes in '77 as No. 2 man, and incoming freshman Johnny Gaffney (6-1, 190). Banging heads for the tight end spot are juniors Bill Bell (6-2, 220) and Juan Collins (6-2, 215).

Graduation also did a number on the Gators at the running back positions, carrying off Tony Green and Willie Wilder, which is bound to hurt the rushing attack. Junior Tony Robinson (6-0, 230) returns at his old fullback spot, but he's more of a blocker than a ball carrier, and those trying to put some thump in the ground game are juniors Joe Portale (6-2, 225) and Tony Waters (5-8, 190) and sophomore David Johnson (5-11, 200). In the offensive interior line, there's good strength at the guards with seniors Mark Midden (6-3, 240) and Don Swafford (6-7, 255) back at their regular berths, but the rest of the front wall will have to be rebuilt for the attack to get the necessary blocking.

DEFENSE

The Gators return a handful of '77 regulars on defense, but several key graduation losses could hurt this unit. In the line, one flank is protected by senior Mike DuPree (6-1, 220), with sophomore Dave Galloway (6-2, 225) slated to man the other terminal. Senior Mel Flournoy (6-0, 245) is anchored at one tackle, while batting for the other are sophomore Dock Luckie (6-2, 255) and senior Greg Tennell (6-2, 245), with the middle guard spot being contested for by senior Jim Harrell (6-1, 225) and highly regarded frosh recruit Robin Fisher (6-0, 220).

Backing up one side of the line is hard-hitting junior Scott Brantley (6-2, 220), in on 115 tackles in '77, while bidding to claim the other starting 'backer assignment are junior Jim Kreis (6-2, 220), sophomores David Little (6-0, 215) and Yancey Sutton (6-1, 215). The secondary is the most solid area of the defense, with three regulars back on duty—juniors Chuck Hatch (5-11, 185) and Skip Peek (6-1, 180) and sophomore Derrick Burdges (6-2, 195). The fourth spot in the deep zones will go to senior Warren Gaffney (6-1, 200), a former regular back after missing last season because of an injury.

SUMMARY

Coach Doug Dickey's Gators slumped to a 6-4-1 record last season, and they could slip under .500 this year if the NCAA rules against QB LeCount and leaves Florida without an experienced signal caller. The schedule, as usual, is a tough one which doesn't help at all, and that alone will prevent the '78 Gators from finishing any better (if as well) than a year ago.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6

Defense 6

1978 Schedule

Sep 16	Arkansas	
Sep 23	Furman	
Sep 30	Alabama	12-24
Oct 7	Tulane	7-36
Oct 14	Auburn	
Oct 21	Georgia	13-24
Oct 28	Mississippi	14-26
Nov 4	Memphis St	
Nov 11	Kentucky	6-28
Nov 18	Air Force	28-34
Dec 2	Tennessee	

OFFENSE

The Commodores boast a veteran quarterback in senior Mike Wright (6-4, 210), who passed for 1,383 yards and five TDs last season, but there's a chance he may pass up his final year to sign a professional baseball contract. If that happens, Vandy will be in trouble at the signal calling spot because next-in-line for the starting job is inexperienced junior Scotti Madison (5-10, 190). Pacing the receiving corps is flanker Preston Brown (5-11, 185), a speedy junior who raced under 23 aials in '77. All-star Martin Cox has graduated at split end, with sophomore Charles Edwards (6-2, 175) trying to fill his big shoes, while vying for the tight end spot are senior Greg Eveland (6-2, 220), sophomores John McCain (6-4, 215) and Joe Smith (6-4, 225).

Speedy junior Frank Mordica (6-1, 200), who hot-footed it for 449 yards last season leads the rushing attack, with ball carrying help from sophomores Eddie Hood (6-2, 190) and Terry Potter (6-2, 180). Up front in the interior line, returning regulars are senior center John Wooten (6-3, 235), junior guard Mike Ralston (6-6, 245) and sophomore tackle Jeff Dungan (6-6, 255). Senior Jerry Roberts (6-5, 240) and junior Mark Matlock (6-5, 255) are lettermen battling for the other tackle, with senior monogram winner Scott Ilgenfritz (6-5, 235) set to occupy the guard vacancy.

DEFENSE

The defensive pantry is also a bit empty, especially in the front wall where the lone returning regular is senior end Mike Gothard (6-3, 230). Senior Tim English (6-1, 220) is the front runner at the other line flank, and battling for the two tackle vacancies will be sophomores Ron Hale (6-7, 300), Ricky Dean (6-4, 245), Rod Gurley (6-4, 265) and Lee Edmondson (6-5, 255), but lack of experience in the front wall will be a problem for Coach Fred Pancoast.

Backing up the middle of the line is aggressive senior Ed Smith (6-3, 225), top tackler in '77 with 155 total, while the outside 'backer spots will be occupied again by senior Randy Sittason (6-2, 220) and junior John Pointer (6-2, 215). Back to set the tempo in the secondary are senior cornerback Walter Jordan (6-1, 185) and junior safety Ronnie Myrick (6-1, 190), with senior Tim Barrett (6-3, 185) and junior Roy Williams (5-10, 180) slated to man the other two spots in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

Coach Pancoast's Commodores won just two games last season against nine setbacks, and quite frankly, prospects for this year aren't much better. The offense will be improved, provided QB Weaver

comes back, but the defense (especially the line) needs repair and faced with their usual rugged schedule, Vandy will probably win only a game or two in '78 and finish in the SEC basement once again.

Independents

FLORIDA ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6

Defense 6

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	Syracuse	
Sep 16	Okl. State	25-17
Sep 23	Miami	17-23
Sep 30	Houston	
Oct 7	Cincinnati	14-0
Oct 14	Miss. St.	
Oct 21	Pitt	
Oct 28	So. Miss.	35-6
Nov 14	Va. Tech	23-21
Nov 18	Navy	
Nov 25	Florida	37-9

OFFENSE

The Seminoles enjoy the luxury of having two quarterbacks with starting experience, juniors Jimmy Jordan (6-1, 185) and Wally Woodham (5-11, 185), who shared the spot last season and teamed up to pass for 2,409 yards and 18 TDs. Returning at tight end is junior Grady King (6-4, 230), who snagged 18 passes in '77, but wide receivers Mike Shumann and Roger Overby have both graduated. Taking over at the wideouts will be junior Kurt Unglaub (5-11, 180), a '76 regular slowed by injuries last season, and sophomore Jackie Flowers (6-2, 190).

Graduation dealt the rushing attack a harsh blow, claiming 1,000-yard man Larry Keys, which may hamper offensive balance. Experienced ball toters hoping to pick up the slack are juniors Mark Lyles (6-4, 220) and Greg Ramsey (5-11, 185), plus sophomore Ernie Sims (6-1, 200). Opening up big holes for the attack will be a battle-hardened offensive line interior, where returning to their old spots are senior tackle Nat Henderson (6-5, 255), junior center Gil Wesley (6-1, 225) and sophomore tackle Ken Lanier (6-4, 265). The two guard vacancies will be filled by junior Mike Good (6-2, 235) and sophomore Brent Brock (6-4, 235).

DEFENSE

The Seminoles are solid in most areas on defense, but especially so in the five-man front wall, where returning regulars are senior end Willie Jones (6-4, 220) and sophomore middle guard Ron Simmons (6-1, 225), both All-American prospects, junior tackle Walter Carter (6-4, 240) and junior end Scott Warren (6-3, 210).

Stationed at one linebacking spot is senior David Hanks (6-2, 210), a part-time starter in '77, and stepping in opposite him is sophomore Paul Piurowski (6-3, 210). In the secondary, the leaders are seniors Ivory Joe Hunter (5-10, 185) and

Mike Kincaid (6-0, 180), both returning regulars. Vying for the other two spots in the deep zones will be sophomores Monk Bonasorte (6-0, 185) and Bobby Butler (5-11, 190), along with JUCO imports Willie Flowers (5-11, 170), Tim Koehnemann (5-11, 185) and Ozzie Harrell (5-10, 185).

SUMMARY

The Seminoles of Coach Bobby Bowden are coming off a remarkable 10-2 season that included a Tangerine Bowl win over Texas Tech (40-17) and FSU should carry that momentum into the coming season. A rugged '78 schedule will prevent the Seminoles from matching last year's glittering record, but they're still capable of winning seven or eight games, and in the process, lock up another bowl bid.

LOUISVILLE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 8

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	So. Dakota St.	
Sep 16	Maryland	
Sep 23	Cincinnati	17-17
Sep 30	Indiana St.	27-16
Oct 7	Tulsa	33-0
Oct 14	NW Louisiana	
Oct 21	Boston U	
Oct 28	William & Mary	7-21
Nov 4	Wichita St.	15-21
Nov 11	Memphis St.	14-13
Nov 18	S'thern Miss.	

OFFENSE

Returning at quarterback for the Cardinals is junior Stu Stram (5-8, 185), who passed and ran for 620 yards and 10 TDs last season. But he faces a stiff challenge from promising sophomore Terry Mullins (6-3, 190). The pass receiving corps will have to be rebuilt, and hoping to fill the starting vacancy at tight end are juniors Ebb Williams (6-1, 215) and Gary Nord (6-3, 225). Bidding for the two wide receiving spots will be junior Greg Searcy (5-11, 185), sophomores Jamie Perrin (5-10, 180) and Kenny Robinson (5-11, 190).

The Cards lost one 1,000-yard rusher (Calvin Prince) to graduation, but returning to spearhead the running attack is senior Nathan Poole (5-10, 195), who also cracked the 1,000 plateau in '77 when he barreled for 1,007 yards. Vying for Prince's old spot are senior Runt Moon (5-9, 185) and sophomores Vic Williams (5-9, 185) and John Tillery (6-0, 200). The offensive line is an all-veteran one, led by senior tackles Rick Cruz (6-3,

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Texas ran up 477 yards of total offense with QB Danny Davis throwing for 238 yards, including a 38-yard TD pass to RB L. D. Taylor. The Longhorns held BC to 104 total yards and didn't allow a first down in the first quarter.

Game No. 1
Only 6 Cougar fumbles kept the game as close as it was as they marched up and down but couldn't break it. Fine game by QB Davis who key to Cougar win.

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DEFENSE

The defensive unit also shapes up well, starting right in the three-man front wall where the leader is tough junior nose guard Jeff Henry (6-0, 230). Plugging one of the tackle holes is senior Mark Pongonis (6-3, 250), while battling for the other are junior Ken Robinette (6-3, 250), senior Joe Skarja (6-4, 250) and sophomore Dan Dihtzeruk (6-5, 260).

Senior All-America candidate Otis Wilson, a 220-pound "hitter" is the pacesetter at linebacker, where other experienced returnees are seniors Johnny Cuby (6-0, 210), Jim Embry (6-2, 215) and Ricky Skiles (6-4, 225), junior Eddie Byrd (6-2, 225) and sophomore Eddie Johnson (6-0, 195). The most seasoned holdovers in the secondary are seniors Bob Norris (6-1, 180), Greg Gibson (5-11, 175) and Jack Gallagher (6-0, 190), although pressing for playing time in the deep zones will be junior Zarko Ellis (5-10, 175), sophomore Ray Payton (5-8, 175) and JUCO import Kevin Hill (6-1, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Vince Gibson welcomes back 16 regulars from last year's 7-4-1 team that went to the Independence Bowl, which should enable the '78 Cards to hang up an even more impressive record. Sparked by a powerful rushing attack on offense, and good overall strength on defense, Louisville will notch eight or nine victories this season, and that might be just good enough to help them finish as the No. 1 independent in the Deep South.

GEORGIA TECH

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Duke	24-25
Sep 16	California	
Sep 23	Tulane	38-14
Sep 30	Citadel	
Oct 7	South Car.	0-17
Oct 14	Miami, Fla.	10-6
Oct 21	Auburn	38-21
Oct 28	Florida	
Nov 11	Air Force	30-3
Nov 18	Notre Dame	14-69
Dec 2	Georgia	

OFFENSE

The early frontrunner at quarterback for the Yellow Jackets is junior Gary Hardie (5-10, 175), who ran and passed for 586 yards last season. But Hardie's off to a slow start after missing spring drills while playing with the baseball team, and bidding to unseat him are sophomores Steve Henderson (6-1, 185) and Ted Peeples (6-0, 190). The most heralded returnee in the pass receiving corps is speedy senior split end Drew Hill (5-9, 170), who averaged nearly 15 yards on seven catches in '77, and he's got the quickness to go the distance when he latches onto a pass. Senior Bucky Shamburger (5-11, 180) is holding

over at the flanker spot as well, and the tight end berth will be filled by senior Donnie Sewell (6-4, 235).

The rushing attack will be built around senior tailback Eddie Lee Ivery (6-0, 200), who galloped for 900 yards last season, while returning at fullback is junior Rod Lee (5-11, 210) who blasted for 780 yards in '77. Anchoring the offensive line interior are senior tackles Kent Hill (6-6, 260) and Mike Taylor (6-7, 265), and junior center Tom Daniel (6-3, 230). The two guard spots are being contested for by juniors Clint Moman (6-3, 235) and Scott Simmons (6-3, 240), and sophomores Billy Quinton (6-4, 260) and Terrell Osborne (6-5, 255).

DEFENSE

The Ramblin' Wrecks have the ingredients for a rugged defense, starting right in the front wall, where the leader is senior tackle Mike Blanton (6-5, 250). Senior Roy Simmons (6-3, 260), a regular at tackle last season has moved to nose guard, and filling his old spot is senior Larry Reese. The best bets to man the flank spots (vacated by graduation) are senior Richard Daykin (6-0, 220), junior Mackel Harris (6-0, 210) and sophomore Ben Utt (6-3, 220). Harris, a '77 regular at linebacker, is a fine defender.

With Harris moved to DE and All-South Lucius Sanford graduated, the linebacking jobs are up-for-grabs between senior John Kelley (6-3, 210), juniors Henry Johnson (6-2, 215) and Mike Helm (6-4, 220). Pacing a veteran secondary, which will make life unbearable for enemy passers, are seniors Don Bessillieu (6-3, 195) and Don Patterson (5-11, 180), junior Jeff Shank (5-11, 185), and sophomores Lawrence Lowe (6-4, 195) and Ken Taylor (6-2, 190). All five have starting experience.

SUMMARY

Coach Pepper Rodgers was not at all satisfied with last year's 6-5 record, but with 16 regulars back in camp, he could be happier this season. Tech's usual rugged schedule will keep them from making a "major breakthrough" in '77, but seven or eight wins is certainly within the realm of possibility.

TULANE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 10

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Maryland	
Sep 16	Pitt	0-48
Sep 23	Georgia Tech	14-38
Sep 30	Stanford	17-21
Oct 7	Vanderbilt	36-7
Oct 14	Boston Coll	28-20
Oct 21	TCU	
Oct 28	Memphis St	9-27
Nov 4	Miami, Fla	13-10
Nov 11	Mississippi	
Nov 25	LSU	17-20

OFFENSE

At the offensive controls for the Green Wave offense is junior Roch Hontas (6-0, 185) who completed 63.4% of his aeriels (118 of 186) for 1,277 yards last season. Back to reel in his tosses are senior split end Skip Charles (6-1, 180) and junior flanker Alton Alexis (6-0, 180)

who caught 28 of 30 passes, respectively, last season with touted freshman Rodney Holman (6-3, 235) expected to take over at tight end.

The rushing attack should be prolific, with junior Marv Christian (5-11, 200) and sophomore Jeff Jones (5-10, 200) back after garnering an aggregate 1,115 yards in '77. Notre Dame transfer Willard Browner, a 230-pounder, is sure to play a prominent role in the ground game as well. All but one '77 regular returns in the offensive line, spear-headed by a quartet of battle-tested seniors—center Dee Methvin (6-6, 250), guards Paul Mudrich (6-3, 240) and Percy Millet (6-3, 255) and tackle Gerry Sheridan (6-6, 265). Newcomers expected to bid for the other tackle berth are freshmen James Sanders (6-3, 240) and Bill Lichenstein (6-4, 250).

DEFENSE

The defensive unit welcomes back 10 regulars, which is sure to make the Green Wave difficult to penetrate when the enemy has the pigskin. In the line, the flanks are patrolled by junior Thad Lee (6-4, 215) and sophomore Al Jones (6-3, 220), with senior Larry Bizzotto (6-2, 250) back at tackle and sophomore Wilfred Simon (6-2, 230) firmly entrenched at middle guard. JUCO recruits bidding to claim the tackle spot opposite Bizzotto are Clayton and Clifton Jones, both 6-4, and 245, plus Tom Barlow (6-5, 250). The leader of the pack at linebacker is senior John Ammerman (6-2, 220), a savage hitter, while junior Jim Becnel (6-3, 220) and JUCO import Donald Garrett (6-2, 215) are bidding for the other 'backer spot. The secondary crew returns intact, featuring seniors Ricky Dunaway (6-0, 180) and Jeff Gates (6-1, 175), along with juniors Phil Townsend (6-2, 190) and Mike Sims (6-0, 170). And this foursome will make life miserable for enemy passers again.

SUMMARY

It's been years since the Green Wave really enjoyed a successful grid campaign, but Coach Larry Smith's latest edition of gridders could snap that drought. On both offense and defense, Tulane boasts depth and experience, which should enable the Green Wave to finish with a winning record in '78 even though they'll face a pretty rugged schedule.

SO MISSISSIPPI

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	U of Richmond	
Sep 9	Arkansas St. U.	10-14
Sep 16	U of Cincinnati	6-17
Sep 30	U of Mississippi	27-19
Oct 7	Mississippi State	14-7
Oct 14	East Carolina	
Oct 21	Memphis State	14-42
Oct 28	Florida State	6-35
Nov 4	North Texas State	14-27
Nov 11	Bowling Green	
Nov 18	U of Louisville	

OFFENSE

Sharing the signal calling duties for the Golden Eagles are senior Jeff Hammond (6-1, 185) and junior Dane

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McDaniel (6-1, 180), both of whom saw starting duty last season when they combined to pass for 927 yards. Their favorite target is senior split end John Cannon (6-1, 190), who raced under a team-high 19 aerials in '77, and also returning at flanker is junior Chuck Brown (6-1, 175). Senior Larry Harrington (6-2, 215) is the incumbent regular at tight end, but he could be unseated by sophomore Marv Harvey (6-3, 210).

Gone but not forgotten is record-setting running back Ben Garry, and trying to fill his big shoes at the tailback slot will be junior Tiko Bell (5-10, 190) and sophomore Chuck Cook (6-0, 200). Set to take over at fullback is junior Calvin Jones (6-1, 215). The offensive line will require some repair since the only '77 regulars back are senior tackle Randy Butler (6-6, 250) and senior guard Terry Brown (6-4, 240). Lettermen hoping to man the other berths up front are senior Dave Parrish (6-5, 230), junior Greg Aherns (6-4, 240), sophomores Bruce Smith (6-3, 230) and Mark Johnson (6-2, 230).

DEFENSE

The front wall on defense is just as much in need of overhaul, because here too, there're only two starters returning—senior nose guard Thad Dillard (6-1, 230) and junior tackle J.J. Stewart (6-4, 250). Juniors Scott Abercrombie (6-1, 210) and Mike McKinzie (6-1, 215), top back-ups last year, will move up to starting roles at the flanks, while competing for the other tackle spot are junior Joe Warren (6-1, 240) and sophomore Grant Culliver (6-2, 230).

Backing up the line are a pair of veteran defenders, senior Freeman Horton (5-11, 215) and junior Clump Taylor (6-0, 210), which should make the Golden Eagles tough to run against. And it might be just as hard to make any headway via the air lanes, because returning for more action in the secondary are senior Mike Crenshaw (6-0, 185), junior David O'Dom (6-1, 200), and sophomores Gary Holt (5-11, 185) and Hanford Dixon (5-11, 175)—all starters in '77.

SUMMARY

Coach Bobby Collins was displeased when his '77 Golden Eagles just barely broke even with a final 6-6 record, and he won't like what he sees this season much better. The loss of RB Garry will hurt the offense, so SMU will probably throw the ball more often because the rushing attack looks weaker. The defense boasts good front-line personnel, but injuries on this unit will really hurt because depth is weak. With a few breaks along the way, the '78 Golden Eagles could win four or five games, but it's doubtful they can finish with a winning record.

MIAMI (FLA.)

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6		Defense 4	
1978 Schedule			
Sep 16	Colorado		
Sep 23	Florida St	23-17	
Sep 30	Kansas	14-7	
Oct 7	Auburn		
Oct 14	Georgia Tech	6-10	

Oct 21	Utah State	
Oct 28	Notre Dame	10-48
Nov 4	Tulane	10-13
Nov 18	San Diego St	
Nov 25	Syracuse	
Dec 2	Florida	

OFFENSE

Barking signals for the Hurricane offense is sophomore quarterback Ken McMillian (6-2, 185), a part-time starter in '77 when he completed 38 of 70 passes for 417 yards. Running under his spirals again will be sophomore split end Pat Walker (6-4, 195) who snared 21 aerials last season, while also holding over are senior tight end Steve Alvers (6-4, 240), who added 14 catches in '77, and sophomore flanker Jim Joiner (6-2, 190).

The rushing attack is built around senior tailback Ottis Anderson (6-1, 195) who sprinted for 782 yards a year ago, and he's already the leading career ground gainer in school history. Sophomore Chris Hobbs (5-11, 180) and junior Taylor Timmons (5-10, 205) will alternate at the bucking back position. The offensive line was decimated by graduation losses, but Coach Lou Saban is optimistic returning lettermen and newcomers will be able to fill the void. Senior Tom Sedley (6-4, 230) is slated to take over at center, with seniors Charles Bloxson (6-2, 235) and Karl Monroe (6-2, 230) ready to move in at the guards, while sophomore Mark King (6-3, 240) will occupy one tackle hole. Sophomore Larry Pfohl (6-4, 255), a transfer from Penn State, figures to man the other tackle, and incoming freshmen Frank Frazier (6-5, 260) and Tom Carnes (6-5, 250) will also see plenty of action in the trenches.

DEFENSE

Heading up the defensive unit is senior tackle Don Smith, a mobile 250-pounder and one of the best down linemen in the country. Vying for the other spots in the three-man front wall are seniors Tony Galante (6-5, 245) and Pat Millican (6-2, 240), along with heralded frosh recruit Lester Williams, a prep All-American who goes 6-5 and 270-pounds.

Popping enemy ball toters from the two outside linebacking spots once more will be junior Barry Gonzalez (6-3, 215) and sophomore Johnny Daniels (6-2, 235), while sophomore Mozell Axson (6-0, 220) returns at one of the inside 'backer spots and junior Herb Jackson (6-3, 210) slated to fill the berth opposite him. In the secondary, the returnees are senior Rich Valerio (6-2, 190) and junior Gene Coleman (5-10, 180), with the other two spots in the deep zones drawing the attention of senior Fred Azrak (5-10, 175), sophomores Malcolm Simmons (6-1, 180), Johnny Swain (6-3, 180) and Mark Smith (6-1, 185).

SUMMARY

Last year's Hurricanes, in their first campaign under Coach Saban, logged a 3-8 record against their usual rugged schedule, and there's no let-up in '78 with games against powers like Notre Dame, Colorado, Florida, Florida State, Georgia Tech, etc. What it all adds up to is that, despite the arrival of some talented newcomers and standouts like DT Smith and RB Anderson, the 'Canes will finish under .500 again this season.

although they could notch an extra victory or two along the way.

MEMPHIS ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 4

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Mississippi	3-7
Sep 16	Houston	
Sep 23	Mississippi St	21-13
Sep 30	Texas A&M	
Oct 14	Wichita St	28-14
Oct 21	S'thern Miss	42-14
Oct 28	Tulane	27-9
Nov 4	Vanderbilt	
Nov 11	Louisville	13-14
Nov 18	N Texas St	19-20
Nov 25	Cincinnati	

OFFENSE

The catalyst on offense for the Tigers is senior quarterback Lloyd Patterson (5-11, 185) who passed for 1,336 yards (73 completions of 169) and nine TDs last season. And he's one of the premier signal callers in the Deep South. Back to head up the pass catching corps is senior wide receiver Ernest Gray (6-2, 190), who averaged a gaudy 29.5 yards per catch on 28 receptions in '77. Sophomores Erskine Stockard (6-3, 220) and Russ Rich-

ards (6-2, 215) are wrangling for the tight end spot, while battling for the other wide receiving berth are juniors Walter Bond (5-7, 155), Carl Cecchini (6-1, 180), Joe Leathers (6-0, 185) and Stan Simmons (6-1, 180), along with sophomores Tony Hunt (5-9, 180), Alan King (5-11, 180) and Floyd White (6-3, 180).

Leading the overland express is senior James King (5-10, 185) who rushed for 626 yards a year ago, with senior Eddie Hill (6-2, 200), junior Leo Cage (5-8, 185) and sophomore Richard Locke (5-11, 190) also returning for more ball toting chores. In the offensive line, there's good strength at the tackles where senior David Crowell (6-4, 255) and junior Ricky Jenkins (6-1, 300) are back on duty, but the rest of the front wall must be rebuilt. Lettermen counted on for additional blocking punch are senior Glen Snodgrass (6-0, 230) and junior Darrell Torbett (6-3, 255).

DEFENSE

Graduation left some gaping holes in the defensive unit, especially in the front wall where the only holdover is junior tackle Wayne Weeden (6-3, 245). At the other tackle, the top candidates are senior Ben Howard (6-3, 255) and junior Jonah Daniel (6-1, 280), with senior Pete Scatamacchia (6-0, 235) taking over at middle guard. Vying to nail down regular assignments at the line flanks are sophomores Keith Clark (6-4, 230), Teddy

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Golden (6-4, 235), Greg Clark (6-3, 215) and Brian Vanderheyden (6-3, 225).

The linebacking play should be solid, particularly if junior Tommy Batemen (5-11, 200), a '77 regular until felled by injury is able to return at top form. If not, the starting 'backers will be selected from between senior Steve Lincoln (6-0, 205), junior Derek Bell (6-1, 200) and sophomore Mike Thomas (5-11, 200). In the secondary, senior Judson Flint (6-1, 200) and junior James Stewart (6-0, 200) are back on the prowl, with the remaining berths in the deep zones drawing the attention of seniors Jarvis Greer (5-11, 175) and Fred Webb (6-5, 205), plus junior Tony Graves (5-7, 160).

SUMMARY

Coach Dick Williamson's Tigers are coming off a so-so year when they finished 6-5. And while they return some solid performers like QB Patterson, the heavy graduation losses sustained in the offensive line and on defense will prevent the Tigers from improving very much on their won-lost mark this time around.

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OKLAHOMA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Stanford	
Sep 16	West Virginia	
Sep 23	Rice	
Sep 30	Missouri	21-17
Oct 7	Texas	6-13
Oct 14	Kansas	24-9
Oct 21	Iowa State	35-16
Oct 28	Kansas St.	42-7
Nov 4	Colorado	52-14
Nov 11	Nebraska	38-7
Nov 18	Oklahoma St.	61-28

OFFENSE

The sparkplug on offense for the Sooners is senior quarterback Thomas Lott (5-11, 200) who rushed for a team-high 760 yards last season, but he's yet to really impress as a passer. When Lott cranks up to throw, he has experienced receivers in senior Bobby Kimball (6-1, 180) and junior Steve Rhodes (6-0, 180), alternating split ends who teamed up for 25 catches in '77, and senior tight end Victor Hicks (6-3, 245).

Speedster Elvis Peacock has departed via graduation, but that shouldn't hurt the rushing attack much with returnees like senior Kenny King (5-11, 200) who blasted for 640 yards in '77, senior Jimmy Rogers (5-10, 185), juniors Freddie Nixon (5-11, 185) and Billy Sims (5-11, 200) and sophomore David Overstreet (6-1, 195). Anchoring a solid front wall is guard Greg Roberts, a 245-pound senior, with senior Sammy Claphan (6-6, 250) back at his tackle hole and senior Paul Tabor (6-4, 240) again over the ball at center. Battling for the other tackle slot are junior Kent Bradford (6-3, 245) and sophomore Louis Oubre (6-4, 250), with the guard vacancy being eyed by junior Keith Angel (6-3, 235) and sophomore Terry Couch (6-2, 240).

DEFENSE

The Sooners have All-American prospects all over the place on defense, including two of them—senior middle guard Reggie Kinlaw (6-2, 240) and senior tackle Phil Tabor (6-4, 265)—in the front wall. Bidding to claim the other tackle spot are junior John Goodman (6-5, 250) and sophomore Richard Turner (6-3, 240), while experienced returnees at the line flanks are senior Reggie Mathis (6-3, 220), juniors Bruce Taton (6-3, 225), Barry Burget (6-3, 215) and Greg Sellmyer (6-2, 215). Burget and Sellmyer are both returning after missing the '77 campaign because of injuries.

In senior Daryl Hunt (6-3, 220) and junior George Cumby (6-0, 210), who teamed up for 292 total tackles last season, the Sooners boast probably the best linebacking tandem in college football. Heading up the secondary crew are seniors Mike Babb (6-1, 190) and Sherwood Taylor (6-1, 185), both '77 starters, while vying for the other two spots are

senior Bud Herbert (6-0, 185), sophomores Darrol Ray (6-1, 200) and Basil Banks (6-0, 180) and freshman Byron Paul (6-3, 190), the latter back after missing last season due to an injury.

SUMMARY

Coach Barry Switzer has enjoyed nothing but success in his five years at the OU grid helm, and this year will certainly be no exception. Sparked by a robust offense and a rock-ribbed defense, the Sooners could go unbeaten in '78 and bid for the national title if they can survive tough road contests at Texas, Iowa State, Colorado and Nebraska.

IOWA STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
*Sep 9	Rice	
Sep 16	San Diego St.	
Sep 23	Iowa	10-12
Sep 30	Drake	
Oct 7	Nebraska	24-21
Oct 14	Missouri	7-0
Oct 21	Oklahoma	16-35
Oct 28	Kansas	41-3
Nov 4	Kansas St.	22-15
Nov 11	Oklahoma St.	21-13
Nov 18	Colorado	7-12

OFFENSE

The triggerman on offense for the Cyclones is junior Terry Rubley (6-2, 180), a 58% passer (83-142; 1,037 yards; four TD aerials) last season, while backstopping him at the signal calling spot are sophomore John Quinn (6-1, 175) and JUCO transfer Walter Grant (5-11, 180). Seniors Stan Hixon (6-0, 180) and Ray Hardee (6-0, 185), who teamed up for 41 receptions in '77, rotate at the split end position, with senior Guy Preston (6-6, 235) returning at tight end. Bidding to nail down the flanker job are sophomore Tom Buck (5-10, 185) and JUCO product Greg Smith (5-11, 175).

Powering ISU's rushing attack is senior Dexter Green (5-9, 175) who flashed for 1,412 yards in '77, the second consecutive year he cracked the 1,000-yard plateau. His running mate, fullback Cal Cummins has graduated, and trying to claim that spot are Pat Kennedy (6-0, 190) and several impressive new recruits, including freshman phenom Dwayne Crutchfield (6-1, 220). Blowing open holes for the attack is a battle-tested offensive line, with senior Al Grissinger (6-4, 250) and sophomore Brian Neal (6-3, 255) returning at the guards and junior Dick Cuvelier (6-3, 265) back at one tackle hole. Sophomore Tim Stonerook (6-6, 255) and blue-chip freshman Ted Clapper (6-5, 260) will vie for the other tackle berth, while senior Tom Stonerook (6-2, 240) is the heir apparent at center.

DEFENSE

Seven regulars are back on defense, led by All-American candidate Mike Stensrud, a 260-pound senior tackle, while other returnees up front are junior

nose guard Greg Rensink (6-3, 240) and senior end Rick White (6-0, 210). In the running for the other line berths are senior Steve Weidemann (6-3, 210), sophomores Ken Neil (6-4, 250), Lloyd Studniarz (6-3, 235) and Jim Nissen (6-3, 210), plus incoming freshman Chris Boskey (6-4, 245).

The linebacking corps is headed up by hard-hitting senior Tom Boskey (6-2, 220), with juniors Scott Cole (6-2, 210) and Mike Leaders (6-1, 220), sophomore Cal Jacobs (6-2, 220) and freshman Ron Troyan (6-1, 220) expected to bid for the other 'backer spot. The secondary boasts a veteran nucleus in seniors Tom Perticone (5-10, 180), Mike Clemons (6-1, 190) and junior Mike Schwartz (6-0, 185) back on duty. Senior Jerry Washington (6-2, 190), a starter in several games last year, will probably man the remaining spot in the secondary.

SUMMARY

Coach Earl Bruce looks to have his strongest Cyclone team in six years at ISU, led by A-A prospects Dexter Green (RB) and Mike Stensrud (DT). The offense is balanced and potent, the defense should be tough to dent, which all points to a banner campaign for the Cyclones in '78 and a strong bid to claim what would be ISU's first-ever Big 8 grid title.

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in July and pray
in October.**

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COLORADO

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Oregon	
Sep 16	Miami, Fla.	
Sep 23	San Jose State	
Sep 30	Northwestern	
Oct 7	Kansas	17-17
Oct 14	Okla. St.	29-13
Oct 21	Nebraska	15-33
Oct 28	Missouri	14-24
Nov 4	Oklahoma	14-52
Nov 11	Kan. St.	23-0
Nov 18	Iowa State	12-7

OFFENSE

The Buffs lost their starting quarterback when Jeff Knapple transferred to Northern Colorado, and finding an adequate replacement at the signal calling spot is the biggest task facing Coach Bill Mallory. Juniors Pete Cyphers (6-1, 190), Joe Gasper (6-1, 195) and Bill Solomon (6-1, 200) are the top prospects at quarterback, and Cyphers (a '77 transfer from Colorado State) seems to have

the inside track. Also departed via transfer to Northern Colorado is split end Steve Gaunt, and trying to take over at wide receiver are senior Howard Ballage (6-1, 180), sophomore Steve Doolittle (6-2, 220), junior Kazell Pugh (5-9, 170) and JUCO import Tom Haigh (6-1, 190). Powerful junior Bob Niziolek (6-5, 230), the top pass catcher in '77 with 29 grabs, returns at tight end, while backstopping him is junior Greg Howard (6-6, 235).

The main weapon in the rushing attack is senior fullback James Mayberry, a low-slung (5-11, 215) belter who crashed for 1,299 yards on 246 carries in '77. Juniors Mike Kozlowski (6-2, 190) and Eddie Walker (5-11, 185) and sophomore Jeff Hornberger (6-2, 200) provide excellent depth at tailback. Anchoring a veteran front wall is senior tackle Matt Miller (6-6, 270), while opposite him again at the other tackle is junior Stan Brock (6-6, 260). Seniors Dave Griffin (6-3, 255) and Bruce Kirchner (6-2, 240) return at the guards, with back-up support from sophomore Brant Thurston (6-5, 255), while senior Mike Tope (6-0, 235) and sophomore Ron Liufia (6-5, 275) will vie for the vacant pivot spot.

DEFENSE

Only six regulars holdover on defense, but three of them—senior end Stuart Walker (6-2, 210), senior tackle Ruben Vaughan (6-3, 265) and junior middle guard Laval Short (6-2, 260)—will bulwark a solid front wall. Seniors Mike Hagan (6-3, 260), Gary Hartling (6-2, 250) and Dan Kennely (6-3, 250) and junior George Visger (6-5, 255) are front runners to fill the other tackle berth, while battling for the vacant flank spot are juniors Tom Catt (6-2, 220) and Phil Kettelson (6-4, 220) and sophomore Jim Donnelly (6-4, 225). Graduation claimed both '77 linebacking regulars, and trying to fill that void will be senior Jeff Lee (6-0, 210), juniors Brian McCabe (6-1, 220) and Bill Roe (6-4, 225), along with sophomore Stan Browder (6-3, 235). The secondary sees the return of juniors Mark Haynes (6-0, 185) and Jesse Johnson (6-3, 190), both regulars a year ago, with the other spots being contested for by senior Ronnie Cullins (6-0, 195), juniors Mike Davis (6-1, 210) and Tim Roberts (5-10, 180).

SUMMARY

The Buffs welcome back a handful of standouts like RB Mayberry and defenders Vaughan, Short and Walker from last year's 7-3-1 club, but it's essential a quarterback be found to replace Knapple. Coach Mallory seems confident he can come up with a reliable signal caller, so we'll go along with that and call '78 another winning year and a finish in the Big Eight's first division for the Buffs.

NEBRASKA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5	Defense 7
1978 Schedule	
Sep 9 California	
Sep 23 Hawaii	
Sep 30 Indiana	31-13

Oct 7 Iowa St	21-24
Oct 14 Kansas St	26-9
Oct 21 Colorado	33-15
Oct 28 Oklahoma St	31-14
Nov 4 Kansas	52-7
Nov 11 Oklahoma	7-38
Nov 18 Missouri	21-10
Nov 25 Alabama	31-24

OFFENSE

Returning to handle the offensive controls for the Cornhuskers is senior quarterback Tom Sorley (6-2, 200) who flipped completions on 42 of 83 passes last season. Back to run under his spirals is junior split end Tim Smith (6-3, 190), who motored for 449 yards on 27 catches in '77, with either junior Kenny Brown (6-0, 180) or sophomore Tim McCrady (5-11, 175) expected to step in at flanker. The tight end spot, left vacant by the graduation of all-leaguer Ken Spaeth, is up-for-grabs between juniors John Selko (6-5, 220) and Junior Miller (6-4, 230).

Any mention of the 'Husker rushing attack has to start with junior I.M. Hipp (6-0, 200) who broke loose for 1,353 yards last season to set a new school record. Providing outstanding depth in the ground attack are senior Rick Berns (6-2, 205) who rushed for 700 yards in '77, junior Tim Wurth (5-7, 190) and sophomore Andra Franklin (5-11, 200). Coach Tom Osborne and his offensive aides will have to devote their time to the front wall if the attack is to be potent again, since the only holdovers are senior guard Steve Lindquist (6-6, 255) and senior tackle Kelvin Clark (6-4, 265). At the pivot spot, juniors Jeff Bloom (6-2, 210) and Kelly Saalfeld (6-4, 240) are trying to take over, with the guard vacancy drawing the attention of junior John Havekost (6-4, 240) and senior Barney Cotton (6-5, 260), the latter an ex-defensive tackle. Seniors Steve Glenn (6-3, 255) and Tom Ohrt (6-4, 250) are the leading aspirants for the other tackle berth.

DEFENSE

The Cornhuskers welcome back seven regulars on defense, including four in the five-man front wall, where the tackle holes are plugged by senior Randy Poeschl (6-7, 265) and junior Rod Horn (6-5, 265). Blasting enemy ball carriers from their nose guard and flank spots, respectively, are junior Kerry Weinmaster (6-0, 225) and senior George Andrews (6-4, 225), with the other flank spot under the scrutiny of junior Gordon Thiessen (6-1, 210) and sophomore Derald Nelson (6-1, 205).

Backing up one side of the line is senior Lee Kunz (6-3, 220), in on 159 total tackles in '77, with juniors Tom Vering (6-2, 210) and Bruce Dunning (6-3, 220) supplying experienced depth at the other linebacking position. The secondary was decimated by graduation, and rebuilding this area is essential or enemy passers may have a field-day throwing against the 'Huskies. Bidding to fill the holes in the deep zones are seniors Jeff Hansen (6-2, 200), Tim Fischer (5-9, 170) and Darrell Walton (5-9, 175).

SUMMARY

The 'Huskies are coming off a banner season (9-3, counting the Liberty Bowl win over North Carolina, 21-17) but this

time around the wins may not come as easy unless the offensive line and defensive secondary can be shored up following heavy graduation losses. Sparked by "supers" like RB Hipp, Nebraska will finish with another winning record in '78, although they may fall short of matching last year's overall mark.

MISSOURI

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7	Defense 6
1978 Schedule	
Sep 9 Notre Dame	
Sep 16 Alabama	
Sep 23 Mississippi	
Sep 30 Oklahoma	17-21
Oct 7 Illinois	7-11
Oct 14 Iowa St	0-7
Oct 21 Kansas St	28-13
Oct 28 Colorado	24-14
Nov 4 Oklahoma St	41-14
Nov 11 Kansas	22-24
Nov 18 Nebraska	10-21

OFFENSE

The Tigers have a new top kick in Warren Powers, former head coach at Washington State, and one of his first undertakings will be finding a quarterback to run the offensive show. The heir apparent at the signal calling spot is sophomore Phil Bradley (6-0, 170) who ran and passed for 864 yards last season as the No. 2 man, and backstopping him will be sophomore Jay Jeffrey (6-0, 175). Provided a good-thrower emerges at quarterback, the aerial attack should be explosive, since senior tight end Kellen Winslow (6-6, 230), who caught 26 passes in '77, and senior split end Leo Lewis (5-9, 180), who snared 24 more a year ago, are returning to lead the receiving brigade. Battling for the flanker spot are senior Lamont Downer (6-3, 185) and sophomore Cecil Holloway (6-0, 180), although both could be pushed aside by hot-shot frosh recruit Steve Sly, a 185-pounder with blazing speed.

Ol' Mizzou always seems to produce outstanding running backs, and the latest to come down the pike is senior tailback Earl Gant (6-2, 210) who barreled for 769 yards last season. Senior Rich Dansdill (6-4, 230) and junior Gerry Ellis (6-2, 220) have designs on the bucking back spot. All-America tackle James Taylor has graduated, but the rest of the offensive line returns intact. Over the ball at center again is senior Pete Allard (6-3, 240), with senior guard Mark Clark (6-2, 240) and junior guard Mark Jones (6-2, 245), along with sophomore tackle Howard Richards (6-5, 260) also back at their customary berths. Supplying additional blocking punch along the front wall will be senior Dennis Disselhoff (6-7, 255), junior Chris Keller (6-3, 240), and sophomores Kevin Sadler (6-4, 235) and Wayne Washington (6-5, 255).

DEFENSE

There's a handful of hard-hitting veterans plus some impressive newcomers over on the defensive side, but the front wall will have to be shored up following the graduation of three '77



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regulars including all-league tackle Keith Morrissey. Junior Jim Matthews (6-3, 260) returns at one tackle, while senior Ron Suda (6-4, 250) will get first shot at the other tackle hole. Firing in from one line flank again is senior Steve Hamilton (6-2, 230), with the spot opposite him at the other terminal being contested for by senior Scott Harrell (6-2, 225), junior Kurt Peterson (6-4, 225) and sophomore Anthony Green (6-2, 210). JUCO import Mike Jones (6-4, 245) is slated to man the nose guard spot, but pushing him will be incoming freshman Morton Taylor (6-4, 240).

Lowering the boom on enemy ball carriers from the linebacking spots again are seniors Billy Bess (6-3, 220) and Chris Garlich (6-1, 215), who combined for 160 tackles last season. In the secondary, seniors Russ Calabrese (6-1, 185) and Terry Newman (5-11, 175) return to their old haunts at safety and cornerback, while set to occupy the other two spots are senior Larry Lauderdale (6-0, 185) and sophomore Bill Whitaker (6-0, 180).

SUMMARY

Last year's Tigers slipped to 4-7, prompting the ouster of Al Onofrio, but new skipper Powers may not be able to turn things around that quick in his first year at the helm. The biggest task is finding an adequate quarterback, although even if such a creature emerges, it still won't be enough to help Mizzou log a winning mark in '78 against a very rugged schedule.

KANSAS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Texas A & M	14-28
Sep 16	Washington	
Sep 23	UCLA	7-17
Sep 30	Miami, Fla.	7-14
Oct 7	Colorado	17-17
Oct 14	Oklahoma	9-24
Oct 21	Oklahoma St.	0-21
Oct 28	Iowa St.	3-41
Nov 4	Nebraska	7-52
Nov 11	Missouri	24-22
Nov 18	Kansas St.	29-21

OFFENSE

There's a pitched battle taking place for the starting job at quarterback for the Jayhawks, involving senior Brian Bethke (5-10, 185), sophomores Jeff Hines (6-3, 190), Steve Smith (6-0, 185), Bill Lillis (6-3, 180) and converted running back Harry Sydney (6-1, 185), along with freshmen recruits Kevin Clinton (6-3, 205) and Kirk Maska (6-1, 185). Bethke has the most experience of the signal calling, candidates, and he should get the starting nod if he overcomes his tendency to play hot-and-cold. Sophomore flanker David Verser (6-1, 200), who led the team with 11 receptions last season, is back at his old spot, with seniors Rob Fulton (6-1, 185) and Mark Vicendese (6-1, 180) bidding for the split end berth. Rotating at the tight end post once more will be junior Kirby Criswell (6-5, 225) and sophomore Dave Lawrence (6-3, 230).

Top ground gainer Norris Banks has graduated, but hoping to keep the rushing attack potent will be senior Max Ediger (6-0, 190), who tooled for 443 yards last season, juniors Mike Higgins (6-0, 185), Bobby Barrow (5-9, 190) and Sam Smith (6-2, 190), plus a pair of sophomores who red-shirted in '77—Dave Dansdill (6-0, 200) and Tracy Levy (6-2, 205). The only member of the offensive line certain to hang onto his regular job is senior center Mike Wellman (6-4, 240). Converted tackle and senior Tom O'Doherty (6-2, 235) will compete with junior John Murphy (6-3, 240) and sophomores Mike Loughman (6-3, 235) and Al Roberts (6-3, 240) for the guard spots, while trying to claim the tackle berths are juniors Mike Gay (6-5, 255) and Dave Fletcher (6-2, 250) and sophomore Bob Whitten (6-3, 240).

DEFENSE

With seven regulars, plus several promising lettermen holding over on defense, KU's stop troops have the potential to slam the door on enemy attacks more often this season. In the line, senior tackle Mike Beal is a veteran leader, and fighting for the other tackle berth are sophomores John Odell (6-6, 260) and Greg Smith (6-3, 255), along with JUCO imports John McCray (6-3, 275) and Steve Oliver (6-4, 260). Junior Fred Osborn (6-4, 235), a former linebacker, has been shifted to protect one of the line flanks, while in the running for the other terminal are senior Jerry Calovich (6-2, 225), junior Jim Zidd (6-1, 235) and sophomore Tom Morrison (6-3, 230). Plugged into the middle guard hole is senior John Algee (5-10, 230).

Backing up the line is the solid 1-2 duo of junior Monty Carbonell (6-2, 215) and sophomore Scellars Young (6-3, 220), who combined for 192 tackles last season. Only one '77 regular returns in the secondary, but junior Leroy Irvin (6-0, 185) sure is a good 'un. Juniors Dave Harris (6-0, 185) and Jimmy Little (6-1, 180), along with sophomores Del Miller (6-1, 185), John McCarroll (6-2, 180) and Frank Wattlelet (6-1, 185) are the leading candidates for the remaining three spots in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

The Jayhawks slumped to 3-7-1 last season, and there is speculation '78 will be the "make or break" year for Coach Bud Moore. And while we hate to give a gloomy forecast under such circumstances, telling it like it really is calls for another losing record for this year's Jayhawks and another second division finish in the rugged Big Eight.

OKLAHOMA ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Wichita St.	
Sep 16	Florida St.	17-25
Sep 23	Arkansas	6-28
Sep 30	No. Tex. St.	
Oct 7	Kansas St.	21-14
Oct 14	Colorado	13-29
Oct 21	Kansas	21-0
Oct 28	Nebraska	14-31

Nov 4	Missouri	14-41
Nov 11	Iowa St.	13-21
Nov 18	Oklahoma	28-61

OFFENSE

The ramrod on offense for the Cowboys is junior quarterback Harold Bailey (6-2, 190) who passed and ran for nearly 700 yards last season, but will have to avoid getting hurt so often. Pressing him for the signal calling job are seniors Randy Stephenson (6-1, 190) and Scott Burk (6-2, 190), the latter returning after missing the '77 campaign while taking a fling at a career in pro baseball. OSU intends to throw the ball more this season, which is good news for senior split end L.P. Williams (6-2, 195), who notched 11 catches in '77, and alternating tight ends Steve Stephens, a 235-pound senior and sophomore Bruce Jones (6-5, 215). Bidding to claim the other wide receiving spot are senior Chip Latham (6-2, 185), sophomore James Cowin (6-1, 185) and heralded freshman Vlada Hudspeth (6-3, 195).

Graduation claimed All-American running back Terry Miller, and trying to fill his big shoes will be sophomores Steve Hammond (5-11, 200) and Ed Smith (5-11, 190). Fullbacking chores will be shared by another pair of sophomores, Vince Orange (5-8, 205) and Worley Turner (6-0, 205). Holding over in the offensive line are senior center Dave Monroe (6-4, 240), junior guard Reggie Richardson (6-1, 235) and junior tackle Jim Clark (6-6, 255). Junior Mike Schwager (6-2, 235) is set to step in at the other guard hole, while battling for the tackle vacancy up front are sophomores Charlie Collazo (6-3, 250), Roy Hackett (6-5, 245) and Bart Latham (6-4, 260).

DEFENSE

The Cowboys lost six defensive regulars to graduation, but they do welcome back a veteran nucleus who should assist greatly in the rebuilding of this unit. In the line, the tackle holes are manned by junior Mike Robinson (6-6, 255) and sophomore Curtis Boone (6-2, 245), with junior Billy Wells (6-2, 240) returning at middle guard. Trying to claim the starting assignments at the line flanks are senior Mike Edwards (6-4, 205), along with sophomores Dexter Manley (6-4, 215), Zach Barrett (6-2, 205), Arnold Hervy (6-2, 210) and Donnie Oates (6-4, 225).

The top honcho at linebacker is junior John Corker (6-4, 220) who logged 132 total tackles in '77, with sophomores George Suda (6-0, 210) and Dan Hammond (6-2, 210) other experienced 'backers on hand. Senior Gary Irions (6-4, 195) and sophomore Greg Johnson (6-1, 185) return to the secondary, with senior Darnell Scott (6-0, 190) and sophomore John Odom (6-0, 180) expected to occupy the remaining berths in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

Despite the presence of All-American and record-setter Terry Miller, Coach Jim Stanley's Cowpokes finished only 4-7 last season, and OSU may be hard-pressed to win that many this time around with their main offensive weapon gone. And to compound the problem, the Cowboys have also been placed on probation by the NCAA for recruiting violations, all of

which adds up to another losing season in '78 for OSU and a second division finish in the rugged Big Eight.

KANSAS STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Arizona	
Sep 16	Auburn	
Sep 23	Tulsa	
Sep 30	Air Force	
Oct 7	Okla. State	14-21
Oct 14	Nebraska	26-9
Oct 21	Missouri	13-28
Oct 28	Oklahoma	7-42
Nov 4	Iowa St.	15-22
Nov 11	Colorado	0-23
Nov 18	Kansas	21-29

OFFENSE

There's a new grid skipper in Wildcat Country—former North Carolina assistant Jim Dickey—and sure to be one of his first undertakings will be finding a reliable quarterback to set the attack in motion. Senior Dan Manucci (6-1, 190), who passed for 697 yards last season, is the most seasoned signal caller available, although also very much in the running will be junior Steve Parish (6-1, 170), sophomores Paul Hobbs (6-0, 185) and Ron Lampkin (6-0, 175), JUCO prospect Sheldon Paris (6-3, 205) and incoming freshman Darrell Dickey (6-2, 185), son of K-State's rookie pigskin mentor.

Latching onto any passes thrown in his direction again is senior split end Charles Green (5-10, 180) who zipped for 634 yards on 33 receptions last season, with junior John Liebe (5-10, 170) set at the other wide receiver and junior letter winners Eddie Whitley (6-3, 215) and Jim Miller (6-5, 235) experienced returnees at tight end. The big gun in the rushing attack is senior Mack Green (5-8, 170) who hurtled for 707 yards last season, while others counted on for ball toting help are junior Roosevelt Duncan (5-9, 205) along with seniors Tony Brown (5-11, 195) and Ray Butler (6-0, 195). Mountainous junior Bob Thompson, 6-7 and 300-pounds, anchors the offensive line from his tackle spot, and opposite him again at the other tackle is junior Walt Wywadis (6-4, 260). Returning at one guard post is junior Clint Davenport (6-4, 250), while the leading prospects at the other guard and center, respectively are senior Mike Wakefield (6-3, 250) and senior John Hafferty (6-2, 230).

DEFENSE

First-year head coach Dickey inherits the nucleus of a solid defense, with six '77 regulars holding over, including the middle of the front wall—senior nose guard Dave Kuklenski (6-1, 230), senior tackle Chester Jeffery (6-4, 250) and junior tackle Rob Houchin (6-1, 235). Moving in at one line flank is senior Tyrone Crews (6-2, 225), while senior Mike Hamsher (6-2, 205) and sophomore Jim Walker (6-1, 210) are battling for the opposite terminal. The graduation of two-time All-American Gary Spani and Randy Lorenzen is bound to hurt at linebacker, where sophomores Gary Cummings (6-3, 225) and Ben Landry (6-2,

225) and JUCO import Rod Pray (6-1, 220) will vie for the vacant berths. The elder statesmen in a veteran secondary are seniors Clyde Brinson (6-2, 190) and William Fisher (6-3, 200), and junior Sam Owen (6-2, 190)—all returning regulars—with senior Robert Evans (6-1, 190) expected to nail down the fourth starting spot.

SUMMARY

As if rookie skipper Dickey didn't have

enough problems already, K-State's pigskin program has been hit with an NCAA-sanctioned probation for recruiting violations committed during the tenure of previous head coach Ellis Rainsberger. Which just makes the outlook for the Wildcats a little more gloomy, and while Dickey should be able to lay the foundation for a better future in his first year at the helm, K-State will be lucky to improve an awful lot on their 1-10 record of a year ago.

The Valley

WICHITA ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Oklahoma St	
Sep 16	New Mexico	17-22
Sep 23	Idaho	
Sep 30	W Texas St	14-10
Oct 7	Drake	47-17
Oct 14	Memphis St	14-28
Oct 21	S'thern Illinois	
Oct 28	New Mexico St	12-24
Nov 4	Louisville	21-51
Nov 11	Tulsa	38-26
Nov 18	Indiana St	41-14

OFFENSE

The Wheatshockers are in excellent shape at quarterback, where back on duty is senior Jim Andrus (6-0, 185) who rifled strikes on 119 of 236 passes, accounting for 1,684 yards and 15 TDs via the air lanes last season. His favorite target, senior split end Bryan Hanning (6-1, 175) also returns after racing under 50 aeriels for 767 yards a year ago. At the flanker spot, the top prospects are sophomore Norris Donnell (5-11, 175) and JUCO import Mike Berendes (6-1, 180), while vying for the tight end position will be senior Greg Steen (6-2, 230) and JUCO recruit Steve Volmer (6-3, 230).

The rushing attack should wield a potent punch, spearheaded by sophomore Mickey Collins (5-10, 185) and senior Jeff Haney (5-11, 180) who picked up 596 and 438 yards, respectively, in '77. Blowing open holes for the offense is a veteran front wall, with seniors Barry Bales (6-4, 255) and John Canaday (6-6, 240) back at the tackles, senior Joe Odom (6-4, 250) at guard and junior Charlie Moore (6-4, 235) at center. The foremost candidates at the other tackle spot are JUCO imports Rob Lang (6-3, 240) and Greg Webb (6-1, 235).

DEFENSE

With seven defensive regulars back in the fold, the Shockers will be tougher to get past this season, starting right in the front wall where senior tackle John Blue (6-2, 240) and senior end Willie Smith (6-3, 225) are back for more action. Bumping heads for the starting assignment at the other line flank will be senior Forrest Wise (6-5, 225) and JUCO product Bert Hill (6-2, 210), while slated

to take over at tackle and middle guard, respectively, are juniors Troy Oney (6-3, 230) and Mike McClellan (6-1, 215).

At the linebacking spots, there's veteran depth in the persons of juniors Brian Anderson (6-0, 215) and Mike Reichenberger (6-1, 200), plus sophomore Bryan Horn (6-2, 200), but they'll be pushed by JUCO recruits Bob Barley (6-0, 215), Kimo Igarta (6-1, 215) and Chris White (6-1, 215). Returning to bulwark the secondary are senior Sherman Taylor, a tough ball-hawk who intercepted six passes in '77, seniors Tony Drayton (6-2, 190) and Tommy Kettler (6-0, 185) and junior Bryan Kendall (6-0, 175), all of whom have starting experience. Additional help in the deep zones is expected from senior Mike Landrum (6-2, 180), back after missing last season because of an injury, and sophomore Cliff Linson (5-11, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach Jim Wright's Shockers almost climbed above the .500 mark (5-6) last season, and with 15 regulars holding over, they should climb above that plateau this time around. Look for WSU to win six to eight games this year, while also making a strong bid for the MVC title.

TULSA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	Ark. State	
Sep 9	Va. Tech	
Sep 16	SW Louisiana	21-48
Sep 23	Kan. State	
Sep 30	Arkansas	3-37
Oct 7	Louisville	0-33
Oct 14	N. M. St.	27-24
Oct 21	Cincinnati	0-28
Oct 28	Drake	33-23
Nov 4	W. Tex. St.	21-57
Nov 11	Wichita St.	26-38

OFFENSE

Back at the offensive controls for the Golden Hurricane is junior Bill Blakenship (6-3, 210) who passed for nearly 1,300 yards, but gave up 11 interceptions against just three touchdown aeriels last season. Challenging him will be senior Dave Rader (6-3, 215), a gifted option quarterback and the regular in '77 until sidelined by an injury. The main

weapon in the pass catching corps is senior Rickey Watts (6-0, 195), who darted for 639 yards on 40 receptions a year ago, while senior Jerry Taylor (6-2, 195)—returning after missing last season because of an injury—is slated to fill the other wide receiving berth and JUCO import Anthony James (6-4, 225) will step in at tight end. The rushing attack features sophomore Sherman Johnson (6-1, 190) and senior Quinn Jones (6-2, 210), who rambled for an aggregate 634 yards in '77, with back-up support from junior Paul Roberson (6-0, 190)—out last year with an injury—and sophomores Wendell Dean (5-10, 185) and Don Hicks (6-2, 200). Coach John Cooper, in his second year at Tulsa, will have to devote some attention to the offensive line, since the only starters holding over are senior tackle Doug Panfil (6-5, 245) and senior guard Mike Gladson (6-1, 230).

DEFENSE

The Golden Hurricane have shuffled their defensive personnel, and one of the switches finds ex-linebacking regular Steve Nicholson, a 230-pound junior moving to nose guard. Flanking him at one tackle will be senior Dell Oliver (6-4, 270) and protecting one end of the line is senior Steve Hatcher (6-1, 215), while the top prospects to fill the other spots up front are JUCO products Don Purifoy (6-4, 235), senior DeWalden Frazier (6-0, 230) and sophomore Don Blackmon (6-3, 225). Competing for the linebacking jobs are junior Ray Meadows (6-2, 215), sophomores Joey Miears (6-2, 205) and Robert Tennon (6-2, 200), along with JUCO recruits John Brown (6-2, 210) and Reggie Epps (6-2, 215). Returning in the secondary are hard-nosed senior Lovie Smith (6-2, 195) and sophomore Chuck Simmons (6-1, 195), with JUCO imports Mike Menefee (6-1, 180) and Lonnie Davis (6-0, 190) battling junior Bobby Moore (6-2, 200) and sophomore Mike Field (6-0, 185) for the vacancies in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

Year number two of Coach John Cooper's tenure in Golden Hurricane Country will result in a better won-lost ratio than last year's final 3-8 record, and like TV's Tony (Robert Blake) Barreta puts it: dat's the name of dat tune! And if Tulsa's players can avoid the kind of crippling injury plague that struck so many regulars down last season, the '78 edition of Golden Hurricane will play a role in the MVC title race.

W TEXAS ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	Mississippi St.	
Sep 9	Texas-Arlington	13-14
Sep 16	McNeese State	8-20
Sep 23	Southern Illinois	28-9
Sep 30	Wichita State	10-14
Oct 7	North Texas State	20-31
Oct 14	Lamar	27-9
Oct 21	Indiana State	31-20
Nov 4	Tulsa	57-21
Nov 11	Drake	31-7
Nov 22	New Mexico State	17-14

OFFENSE

The biggest task facing Coach Bill Yung on offense is finding a reliable quarterback, and getting first crack at that assignment will be promising, but inexperienced sophomores John Whitley (6-3, 195) and Newton Owens (6-0, 185). Waiting for the situation at quarterback to stabilize so they can hold up their end of the passing attack are seniors Reggie Spencer (6-2, 180) and Scott Wiley (5-8, 170), who alternate at split end, with senior letter winner Angelo McClain (6-2, 215) taking over at tight end.

Exploding out of the backfield to lead the rushing attack is 230-pound senior fullback Bo Robinson, who ranked sixth in the nation last season when he plowed for 1,407 yards. Vying for the tailback spot are senior Dave Johnson (5-11, 180) and junior Kenny Davis (5-10, 175), along with junior Robert Mayberry (5-10, 195), a '76 regular (when he rushed for 843 yards) who missed last season with an injury. In order for the attack to really be successful, the offensive interior line will have to be rebuilt since the only returning starters are senior tackle Mark Stewart (6-2, 240) and senior guard Manny Fernandez (5-11, 230).

DEFENSE

The defensive line is also in need of repair, although the flanks should be hard to skirt with seniors Adrian Marsh (6-5, 230) and Ross Patton (6-3, 210) back on duty. Junior lettermen Weldon Cauthen (6-1, 230) and Kevin Troutman (6-0, 245) will get first crack at the tackles.

Leading the linebacking corps is rugged senior Scott Braden (6-0, 210), and other returning 'backers with extensive experience are juniors Mike Nelson (6-1, 215), Adolpho Sonen (5-10, 195) and Fred Whitley (5-11, 200). The Buffs should have a first-rate pass defense, because returning in the secondary are all four '77 regulars—seniors Roger Boykins (5-11, 185), Vic Hayes (5-10, 180) and Curtis Lofton (5-11, 175), along with sophomore John Holt (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

The Buffs won the MVC title last season with a 5-1 league mark (6-4-1 overall), but they'll be hard-pressed to stay on top in '78. Call it another winning season for Coach Yung's gridders, and possible All-American accolades for RB Robinson, but the Buffs must come up with a quarterback and some help in both lines if they want to extend their title reign in The Valley.

SO ILLINOIS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Drake	9-13
Sep 16	Lamar	9-5
Sep 23	West Texas State	9-28
Sep 30	New Mexico State	7-29
Oct 7	Illinois State	23-17
Oct 14	Arkansas State	7-21
Oct 21	Wichita State	
Oct 28	Northern Illinois	0-28
Nov 4	Indiana State	9-14
Nov 11	Marshall	
Nov 18	SW Louisiana	0-24

OFFENSE

The quarterback for the Salukis is rangy sophomore John Cernak (6-4, 215) and if he can stay healthy he should develop into a fine signal caller. The foremost returnee in the pass receiving corps is junior split end Kevin House (5-11, 180), who caught 12 aeriels for an 18.6 yard average in '77. Also holding over is senior tight end Hugh Fletcher (6-3, 230), and stepping in at the wingback spot is junior letterman Raifield Lathon (5-8, 175).

Hard-running junior Bernell Quinn (5-8, 195), who slashed for a team-high 822 yards last season, is the top honcho in the rushing attack. Assisting him again will be senior fullback Wash Henry (5-11, 205), a tough blocker and good inside runner. Blowing open holes for the attack is a veteran offensive line interior which sees the return of senior center John Hall (6-0, 225), junior guard Byron Honore (5-11, 245) and sophomore tackle Jack Vagas (6-3, 245). Seniors Mike McArthur (6-1, 235) and John Schroeder (6-0, 245) are the most experienced candidates to fill the other tackle hole, while fighting to claim the vacant guard spot are junior Rick Huff (6-1, 230) and sophomore Steve Wheeler (6-1, 225).

DEFENSE

The Saluki defense absorbed its share of lumps last season, but they should be tougher this time around with eight starters holding over. Once again protecting the line flanks are seniors Mark Michuda (6-0, 235) and Jack Niedbalski (6-2, 210), while also back at their old haunts are junior tackle Dave Callahan (6-0, 235) and sophomore middle guard Tom Piha (6-0, 230). Junior Mike Daum (6-1, 230), a former regular out last season with an injury, is set to fill the vacant tackle hole.

The only area of the defense needing repair is the linebacking, and hoping to nail down the starting jobs are junior Rocky Robinson (5-11, 220) and sophomores Luther Foster (5-11, 215), Joe Barwinski (6-0, 220) and Brian Michaels (6-2, 210). Pacing the secondary crew are seniors Ron Geels (5-11, 185) and Tim Cruz (5-11, 185), along with juniors Oyd Craddock (6-2, 180) and Alvin Reed (6-1, 185) — all returning starters.

SUMMARY

Coach Rey Dempsey's Salukis slipped to a 3-8 mark a year ago. And while there's enough talent on hand for SIU to forge out a better won-lost mark in '78, the best they can hope for is a first division finish in The Valley standings since they don't have the overall experience to be a real title threat.

DRAKE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	Texas-Arl.	
Sep 9	Southern Ill.	13-9
Sep 16	Temple	0-42
Sep 23	Ark. St.	29-31
Sep 30	Iowa St.	
Oct 7	Wichita St.	17-47
Oct 14	Ind. St.	20-23

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Oct 28	Tulsa	23-33
Nov 4	N. M. St.	9-35
Nov 11	W. Texas St.	7-31
Nov 18	L. B. St.	10-27

OFFENSE

Under center for the Bulldogs is junior quarterback Jerry Smith (6-2, 190), a late-season starter in '77 when he passed and ran for 747 yards and tossed five TD aeriels. The pass catching corps was riddled by graduation, which could hamper the aerial attack unless lettermen like senior Ed Wallace (6-3, 190) and junior Mark Flaker (5-7, 170) can handle the wide receiving berths. Returning at tight end is strong-blocking senior Pat Tuttle (6-3, 235).

In order for the 'Dogs to field a stronger offense they have to bolster the rushing attack and the return of senior tailback Calvin Hill (6-0, 195), who rambled for 455 yards in '77, is sure to help in that respect. A pair of JUCO imports, Dwaine Ball (5-10, 185) and Wardell Wright (6-0, 225) are also expected to make large contributions to the ground game. Senior Rob Forbes (6-2, 215) and junior Wayne Williams (5-8, 170), both out with injuries in '77, will share in the ball toting now that they're healthy again. The offensive line interior has a veteran nucleus to lead the way in senior guard Steve Schaffner (6-4, 240), senior tackle Jack Matia (6-7, 280) and sophomore guard Rafael Soto (6-3, 235), while slated to fill the other up front berths are juniors Brad Crawford (6-3, 235) and Doug Riechers (6-2, 245).

DEFENSE

Coach Chuck Shelton is optimistic the Bulldogs' defense will be improved this season, and with good reason since seven regulars are back. In the five-man front wall, the flanks will be patrolled again by senior Rich Carstens (6-0, 200) and junior Matt Henry (6-4, 215), while returning at tackle and nose guard are seniors David Glover (6-0, 235) and Dana Nelson (6-2, 245). Senior Marty Wopinski (6-2, 245) and sophomore Terry Crisman (6-3, 240) are first in line for the tackle vacancy.

The top honcho at linebacker is sophomore Herc Payton (6-1, 210), with senior Robb Hill (6-1, 215) and junior Joel Jones (6-1, 230) expected to share duty at the other 'backer spot. The only area of the defense that needs patching up is the secondary, where the lone regular holding over is junior George Ferguson (6-1, 170). Sophomores Dave Hurley (6-3, 200) and Felix Wright (6-1, 180), and JUCO import Derrick Goodard (6-3, 205) are slated to fill the other three spots in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

The Bulldogs finished well down in The Valley standings last season with a 2-9 record, but this time around, they seem certain of notching some extra victories. In fact, if the rushing attack improves and the defensive secondary can be shored up, a winning record for the '78 Bulldogs is very possible.

NEW MEX ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5

Defense 3

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Indiana St	
Sep 16	UTEP	21-23
Sep 23	No Texas St	17-45
Sep 30	S'thern Illinois	29-7
Oct 7	Texas-Arlington	7-8
Oct 14	Tulsa	24-27
Oct 21	New Mexico	13-35
Oct 28	Wichita St	24-12
Nov 4	Drake	35-9
Nov 11	Hawaii	
Nov 25	West Texas St	14-17

OFFENSE

Taking the head coaching reins for the Aggies is Gil Krueger, and he inherits a veteran quarterback in senior Rick Horacek (6-1, 180), the team leader in both passing (1,111 yards) and rushing (423 more) a year ago. Unfortunately, Horacek had his third knee operation in the off-season and unless he makes a full recovery, the signal calling spot will be filled by either senior David Spriggs (6-1, 200) or junior Ken Clark (6-0, 175). Senior wide receiver Tony Lambert (5-10, 180) returns after running down 13 spirals in '77, and also back in the fold are alternating tight ends Mark Bielcik (6-4, 220) and Kevin Steger (6-5, 210), giving the pass catching contingent a solid look. The rushing attack will be built around juniors Anton Niles (5-11, 180) and Ray Locklin (6-3, 210), with assistance from a handful of ball carriers imported from the JUCO and high school ranks. Another "key" to getting the attack into motion is rebuilding an offensive line that returns only two '77 regulars—senior guard Pete Mallard (5-11, 230) and junior tackle Steve Solaja (6-2, 230).

DEFENSE

The strongest aspect of the defensive unit is the linebacking, with seniors Dusty Furr (6-1, 210) and Tom McKenna (6-2, 215) back on duty. Veterans returning to bulwark the front wall are senior Jackie Thornton (6-4, 275), juniors Russ Shivers (6-3, 220) and Danny Plantz (6-3, 220) and sophomore Bob Brown (6-3, 225), with help from a quartet of new recruits—freshmen Paul Jennings (6-5, 240) and Herman Eckford (6-4, 220), along with JUCO products Don Campbell (6-3, 225) and Dee Taylor (6-0, 220). The foremost ball-hawks in the secondary are senior Frank Domanguez (5-11, 175) and junior Rory Palmore (6-1, 180), with a host of lettermen and newcomers will vie for the remaining spots in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

Former Northern Michigan (NCAA Division II) skipper Gil Krueger is the new grid mentor at NMSU, and he's hoping to wipe out the memory of last season's disappointing 4-7 performance by the Aggies. However, unless Krueger shores up the team's graduation riddled defense and gets a healthy year out of top quarterback Rick Horacek, the Aggies will show only modest improvement in both their won-lost mark and MVC standing this season.

INDIANA ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	N. M. State	
Sep 16	Western Ill.	
Sep 23	E. Mich.	
Oct 7	Ball St.	18-42
Oct 14	Drake	23-20
Oct 21	W. Texas St.	20-31
Oct 28	N. E. La.	
Nov 4	Sou. Ill.	14-9
Nov 11	Ill. St.	20-10
Nov 18	Wichita St.	14-41

OFFENSE

Taking over as grid skipper of the Sycamores is Dick Jamieson, and chances are he'll assign the quarterbacking to senior Pete McCoy (5-10, 180) who passed for 697 yards (64-138 completions) and four TDs last season. Back to catch his tosses are senior split end Mike Brantley (6-3, 185) and junior tight end Ken Klein (6-2, 200) who combined for 27 receptions in '77.

Record-setting running back Vincent Allen has graduated, and his loss could hurt the rushing attack unless returnees like senior Tony Cofield (6-0, 195) and junior D.A. Daniels (5-10, 185) are able to pick up the slack. One aspect of the offense that looks solid is the front wall, where the wheelhorse is senior center Tunch Ilkin (6-3, 225). At the guards, juniors George DeTella (6-2, 245) and Brian Foster (6-3, 225) all have starting experience, while sharing tackle duties again will be juniors Hank Hahn (6-6, 240) and Jeff Schneider (6-2, 235), along with sophomore Bill Weber (6-2, 245).

DEFENSE

Six regulars return to bulwark the defensive unit, including three members of the front wall—senior tackle Gary Gamen (6-3, 235), sophomore tackle Mark Gradowski (6-1, 210) and sophomore middle guard Dale Harvel (5-10, 235). Senior Don Hawkins (6-2, 210), a sometimes starter in the past, is slated to man one line flank, while opposite him will probably be junior Will Dodaro (6-1, 200).

Backing up one side of the line is senior Mark Hardy (6-2, 200), and battling for the spot on the other side are junior Paul Zeiser (6-0, 200), and sophomores James Massey (5-11, 205) and Scott Wagner (5-9, 195). The only full-time starter holding over in the secondary is senior Don Jackson (6-2, 180), although seniors Ken Cantrell (6-0, 185), Dick Cage (5-8, 180) and Ken Weatherby (5-11, 170) are all experienced enough to handle the remaining berths in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

Despite the brilliance of RB Allen, the Sycamores finished with a lackluster 3-7 record last season, and prospects for this campaign don't look greatly improved for first year Coach Jamieson. ISU could up their victory total in '78 if newcomers in several key areas come through as expected, but they'll have to content themselves with another second division finish of the MVC again.

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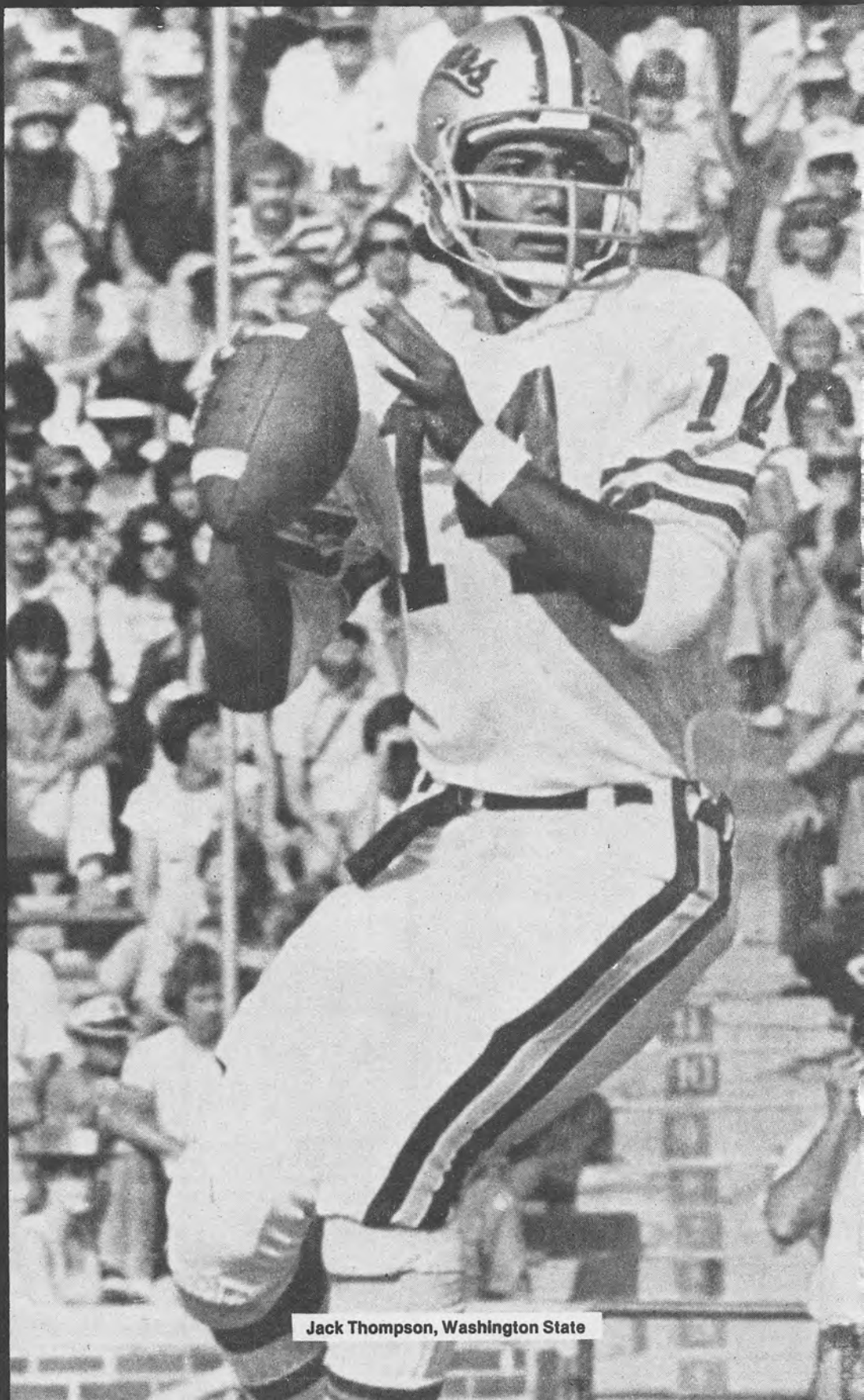
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Sep 16	Oregon	33-15
Sep 23	Alabama	20-21
Sep 29	Michigan St	
Oct 14	Arizona St	
Oct 21	Oregon St	17-10
Oct 28	California	14-17
Nov 4	Stanford	49-0
Nov 11	Washington	10-28
Nov 18	UCLA	29-27
Nov 25	Notre Dame	19-49
Dec 2	Hawaii	

OFFENSE

Provided the Trojans can come up with a replacement for graduated quarterback Rob Hertel, and the line-up of QB candidates is impressive, the offense should be nothing short of dynamite! Senior Walt Ransom (6-0, 190), and juniors Rob Preston (6-3, 195) and Paul McDonald (6-2, 185) are the most experienced signal callers in the running, but also figuring prominently in the picture are a trio of touted freshmen—George Ponce (6-4, 210), Timmy White (5-11, 175) and Scott Tinsley (6-2, 185). The "home run" threat in the pass receiving corps is senior flanker Cal Sweeney (6-2, 190), who sprinted for 564 yards and six TDs on 33 catches last season. However, opponents won't be able to double-up on Sweeney because stepping in opposite him at split end (vacated by the graduation of Randy Simmrin) is junior Kevin Williams (5-9, 175), who carted 10 passes for a sparkling 23.6 yard average and scored three times in '77. Battling for the starting nod at tight end will be sophomore Vic Rahshani (6-3, 230), a transfer from San Jose State, sophomore redshirt James Hunter (6-4, 230) and sophomore Hoby Brenner (6-4, 225).

ALWAYS! That's how often the Trojans have superb running backs, and leading this year's ball toting contingent is junior tailback Charles White (5-11, 195), who exploded for 1,478 yards last season. Backing him up is talented senior Dwight Ford (5-11, 195), who rushed for 768 yards at 7.8 yards a pop last year. Returning at fullback is senior letterman Lynn Cain (6-1, 210), who shared starting duties with graduated Mosi Tatupu in '77. Awesome might be a good word to describe USC's offensive line interior, bulwarked by three players with bona fide All-American credentials—senior guard Pat Howell (6-6, 255), junior tackle Anthony Munoz (6-7, 270) and junior guard Brad Budde (6-5, 260). Wow, that's a dazzling line-up of blockers for one team! Senior Otis Page (6-6, 260) and junior Keith Horne (6-6, 265) are competing for the other tackle spot, while scrapping for the pivot position are junior Chris Foote (6-4, 240) and promising

junior Brad Green (6-2, 240), who red-shirted last year.

DEFENSE

As usual, the Trojans lost some stand-out defenders (LBs Clay Matthews and Mario Celotto, DB Dennis Thurman) to graduation. But, as usual, there's a number of solid performers returning, like senior Richard Dimler (6-6, 265) who anchors the three-man front wall from his nose guard spot. At the tackles, juniors Myron Lapka (6-4, 255) and Ty Sperling (6-0, 235), and sophomore Dave Corsinotti (6-4, 255) have the most experience. But they face stiff challenges from a trio of impressive newcomers—JUCO import Brad Steelman (6-5, 250), along with freshmen Charles Ussery (6-4, 255) and Dennis Edwards (6-4, 255).

Senior Gary Cobb (6-3, 230) and junior Dennis Johnson (6-4, 225), both returning starters, pace the four-man linebacking corps. Competing for the other two 'backer spots are juniors Larry McGrew (6-5, 230) and Mike McDonald (6-2, 215), sophomores Eric Scoggins (6-3, 215) and Steve Busick (6-3, 220), along with JUCO recruits Marc Mitchell (6-4, 225) and Raythel Polk (6-3, 220), plus highly regarded freshmen Riki Gray (6-3, 225) and Bill Banks (6-5, 230). Returning in the secondary are senior strong safety Willie Crawford (5-11, 185), along with seniors Larry Brazier (6-0, 190) and Carter Hartwig (6-0, 195), both cornerbacks with starting experience. Supplying depth in the deep zones will be sophomores Ron Lott (6-2, 190), Kenny Moore (6-1, 185) and Dennis Smith (6-3, 185) and freshman Marcus Allen (6-3, 205).

SUMMARY

The Trojans finished with a disappointing (for them at least) 8-4 mark last season, counting their 47-28 win over Texas A&M in the Bluebonnet Bowl. But we look for Coach John Robinson's '78 edition of USC gridders to come up with a new quarterback (the only troublesome spot), climb back to the top of the PAC-10, finish among the nation's Top Twenty and sew up a berth in next January's Rose Bowl game.

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WASHINGTON

RETURNING STARTERS

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1978 Schedule

Sep 9	UCLA	12-20
Sep 16	Kansas	
Sep 23	Indiana	
Sep 30	Oregon St	
Oct 7	Alabama	
Oct 14	Stanford	45-21

Oct 21	Oregon	54-0
Oct 28	Arizona St	
Nov 4	Arizona	
Nov 11	USC	28-10
Nov 25	Washington St	35-15

OFFENSE

The only major hurdle facing Coach Don James on offense is finding a replacement for three-year quarterback regular Warren Moon. First to get a crack at the signal calling spot will be senior Duane Akina (6-3, 190), although he'll be pushed hard by sophomore Tom Flick (6-3, 185), a red-shirt in '77, and JUCO import Tom Porras (6-2, 185). There's an excellent pass receiving corps on hand to hold up their end of the aerial attack, paced by senior split end "Spider" Gaines (6-2, 180) who sprinted for 660 yards and six TDs on 30 receptions in '77. Also returning are junior flanker Gary Briggs (5-10, 175) and senior tight end Scott Greenwood (6-4, 225) who combined for 23 catches last season.

Spearheading the rushing attack is junior tailback Joe Steele (6-4, 200), who notched 865 yards on the ground a year ago, while complimenting him at the fullback spot is junior Ron Gipson (6-0, 225) who smashed for another 575 yards in '77. Only one regular is missing in the offensive line, center Blair Bush, and this gang should provide lots of running room for the attack. Senior All-America candidate Jeff Toews (6-3, 255) and senior Roger Westlund (6-4, 265) return at the tackles, with seniors Steve Bauer (6-3, 240) and Phil Foreman (6-2, 235) back at their guard holes. Vying for the vacant pivot spot are seniors Terry Sherwood (6-3, 245) and Tom Tenure (6-2, 240).

DEFENSE

The Huskies are also blessed with an abundance of talented players on the defensive side, starting right in the three-man front wall where the ringleader is junior tackle Doug Martin (6-3, 255) who recorded 99 total tackles last season. Juniors Scot Long (6-2, 235) and Chris Linnin (6-4, 250) will bang heads for the other tackle berth, while competing for the nose guard position are junior Mike Milam (6-2, 230) and sophomore Dave Smith (6-1, 240).

At linebacker, the foremost returnee is senior Michael Jackson (6-1, 215), a real head-hunter with All-America credentials, while filling the other 'backer spots will be seniors John Kerley (6-4, 225) and Antowaine Richardson (6-1, 200), and junior Bruce Harrell (6-0, 215). Holding over in the secondary are three '77 regulars, led by senior Nesby Glasgow (5-10, 180), along with seniors Kyle Heinrich (6-1, 180) and Lance Theoude (6-0, 185). Senior John Edwards (6-1, 180) will battle juniors Greg Grimes (6-1, 190) and Jeff Leeland (6-0, 185) for the fourth spot in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

The Huskies surprised a lot of folks

last season by winning the PAC-8 title, then upsetting Michigan (27-20) in the Rose Bowl. And despite the graduation of QB Moon, this year's edition of Huskies looms as a threat to win the league title again, while finishing up among the nation's elite with somewhere between eight and ten victories.

UCLA

RETURNING STARTERS

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1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Washington	
Sep 16	Tennessee	
Sep 23	Kansas	17-7
Sep 30	Minnesota	13-27
Oct 7	Stanford	28-32
Oct 14	Washington St	27-16
Oct 21	California	21-19
Oct 27	Arizona	
Nov 4	Oregon	21-3
Nov 11	Oregon St	48-18
Nov 18	USC	27-29

OFFENSE

At the offensive throttle for the Bruins is junior Rick Bashore (6-1, 185), an excellent option quarterback who ran and passed for 1,332 yards and accounted for 13 TDs last season. There's also outstanding depth at signal caller in senior Steve Bukich (6-2, 210), who started several games in '77, and sophomore Mike Brant (6-0, 180). Both wide receivers (one of them all-leaguer Homer Butler) have graduated, and bidding to start at the wideouts are sophomores Ricky Coffman (6-1, 185), a converted running back, Fred Brockington (6-3, 195) and Scott Tiesing (6-2, 200), and freshman Dokie Williams (6-0, 185). Alternating at tight end again will be senior Kent Brisbin (6-4, 225) and sophomore Chris Elias (6-4, 230), although freshman Tim Wrightman (6-4, 245) will also figure in here.

The rushing attack will be dynamite, led by the brilliant inside-outside running combination of seniors Theotis Brown (6-3, 225) and James Owens (5-11, 175). Last season, Owens (Mr. Outside) zipped for 938 yards on the ground, while the bullish Brown smashed for 539 yards despite missing several games because of an injury. The offensive interior line is deep and talented, led by senior center Brent Boyd (6-3, 235), senior guard Jim Main (6-3, 245) and senior tackle Max Montoya (6-4, 260). Lettermen battling for the other starting berths in the front wall are seniors Curt Mohl (6-4, 260), Ron Wollard (6-2, 245) and Bruce Davis (6-6, 260) and junior Ron Davis (6-4, 250), while the top newcomers are freshmen Dan Dufour (6-5, 255) and Luis Sharpe (6-6, 260).

DEFENSE

Bulwarked by two solid All-American candidates, tackle Manu Tuiaosopo (6-3, 265) and linebacker Jerry Robinson (6-3, 215), the Bruins will field a rugged defense. Senior tackle Tuiaosopo sets the tempo in the line, and vying for the other tackle are a trio of king-sized sophomores—Billy Don Jackson (6-5, 255), Mike Mason (6-8, 270) and John Tautolo (6-5, 250). After the middle

guard spot are sophomores Don Hopwood (6-4, 235), Joe Gary (6-5, 245) and Dave Otey (6-2, 240).

Linebacker Robinson, already a two-time All-America, is the undisputed leader in this area, with able assistance from senior Jeff Muro (6-2, 215), the other returning regular. The other two 'backer spots (the Bruins use a 3-4 alignment) will be chosen from senior Ken Walker (6-2, 215), juniors Howard Kipnis (5-11, 210), Lou Mascola (6-1, 210) and Rick Obbema (6-4, 230), sophomores Glenn Windom (6-3, 215), Brad Plemmons (6-3, 220) and Scott Stauch (6-2, 215), along with JUCO transfer Larry Hall (5-11, 210). Holding over in the secondary are four players who saw starting duty last season—seniors Johnny Lynn (6-0, 190), Bobby Hosea (6-1, 185) and Mike Molina (6-1, 190), along with super sophomore Kenny Easley (6-3, 195). Newcomers certain to see action in the deep zones are JUCO import Cliff Thomas (6-0, 185) and freshman Jimmy Turner (6-1, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Terry Donahue's Bruins, hampered by injuries, slipped a bit to 7-4 last season and missed out on a Rose Bowl trip by losing the final '77 game to arch-rival Southern Cal. This time around, sparked by a powerful and balanced offense and a rugged defense, UCLA will probably up its victory to around 8-3. But that probably won't be good enough for them to overtake Southern Cal or Washington in the race for this year's PAC-10 title and the Rose Bowl berth that goes with it.

CALIFORNIA

RETURNING STARTERS

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1978 Schedule		
Sep 10	Nebraska	
Sep 16	Ga. Tech	
Sep 23	Pacific	
Sep 30	West Va.	
Oct 7	Oregon	48-16
Oct 14	Arizona	
Oct 21	UCLA	19-21
Oct 28	USC	17-14
Nov 4	Arizona St.	
Nov 11	Wash. State	10-17
Nov 18	Stanford	3-21

OFFENSE

The Golden Bears have a new head coach in Roger Theder, and he has the pleasant chore of selecting a starting quarterback from among some very promising candidates. In terms of experience, the top signal callers are seniors Charlie Young (6-1, 195) and Gary Graumann (6-0, 185), who alternated at the spot last season when they combined to pass for 2,672 yards. Graduation claimed top '77 receiver Jesse Thompson and all-league tight end George Freitas. Returning at one wideout is sophomore Floyd Eddings (6-1, 185), who raced under 17 aials last season. The heir apparent at Thompson's old spot is senior Dave Moggi (6-1, 180), with support from sophomore Holden Smith (6-2, 190), red-shirted in '77, along with freshmen Mike Buggs (6-2, 190) and Greg

Woodard (6-3, 195). At tight end, the top prospects are JUCO recruits Dan Sprague (6-3, 220) and Ron Farrell (6-6, 235).

The rushing attack will be prolific with most of last year's leading ball carriers returning, led by junior fullback Paul Jones (6-2, 220) who cracked for a team-high 805 yards last season. Lining up next to him at tailback again is senior Oliver Hillmon (5-11, 195), although he'll have to fight off sophomore Al Blackmon (5-9, 185) and blue-chip frosh recruit Mike Carnell (6-1, 195). The offensive line interior will undergo major overhaul, since the only returning regular is senior guard Duke Leffler (6-5, 250). Sophomore Brian Bailey (6-3, 245), top reserve in '77, will step in at the other guard, with senior Craig Watkins (6-5, 240), a converted defensive lineman, and sophomore Kevin Uperesa (6-6, 240) slated to fill the tackle holes. Battling for the pivot spot are JUCO imports Rick Anderson (6-2, 250), Jesse Covarrubias (6-4, 235) and Don Hudson (6-4, 265).

DEFENSE

With eight regulars back on defense, led by All-America end Ralph DeLoach (6-5, 250), the Golden Bears will slam the door on a lot of opponents. Senior Bob Rozier (6-4, 235) and JUCO import Brian Vincent (6-4, 220) will battle for the flank spot opposite DeLoach, while returning at one tackle is powerful sophomore Pat Graham (6-4, 240). In line for a crack at the other tackle spot are junior redshirt Daryle Skaugstad (6-5, 240), senior Rich Miller (6-5, 260) and sophomore Dupre Marshall (6-3, 245).

Returning at two of the linebacking spots are seniors David Shaw (6-2, 210) and Greg Bracelin (6-2, 215), but the third is up-for-grabs between juniors Pat Turner (6-3, 215) and Ron Hill (6-2, 225), JUCO product Ulysses Madison (6-3, 210) and freshman Eric McIntyre (6-2, 215). The secondary also sees the return of two regulars, junior cornerbacks Daryl Swanson (6-2, 185) and Anthony Washington (6-3, 210). Vying for the two vacancies at safety are JUCO recruits Rich Terry (6-2, 190), Timmy Washington (6-0, 185) and Duane Wilkes (6-2, 195).

SUMMARY

The Golden Bears didn't fare all that poorly last season (7-4), so it came as a surprise when Mike White was axed as coach and replaced by Roger Theder. The new skipper inherits a team not without its strongpoints, like quarterback, running back and the defensive line. But we suspect the Golden Bears will go through a transition period in their initial campaign under Coach Theder. And while Cal seems capable of winning seven games again, they don't figure as strong title contenders in the PAC-10.

STANFORD

RETURNING STARTERS

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Sep 23	Illinois	37-24
Sep 30	Tulane	21-17

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Oct 21	Washington St.	31-29
Oct 28	Oregon St.	26-7
Nov 4	USC	0-49
Nov 11	Arizona St.	
Nov 18	Calif.	21-3

OFFENSE

The first priority on offense for the Cardinals and their second-year coach, Bill Walsh, is to find a replacement for All-American quarterback Guy Benjamin. His apparent tie to the signal calling spot is senior Steve Dils (6-2, 180), a 64% passer (27-42) last season as No. 2 man, but he'll be challenged by freshman Babe Laufenberg (6-2, 190) once the newcomer picks up some experience. Graduation also did a number on the pass receiving corps, and rebuilding this area is another key to Stanford boasting a potent aerial attack again in '78. Senior Mitch Pleis (6-4, 220), who caught 15 passes as the starting tight end last year, will shift over to fill one wide receiver berth, while the other is up-for-grabs between senior Vince Mulroy (6-0, 180), junior Gordon Banks (5-11, 180), sophomore Ken Margerum (6-1, 175) and freshman Tom Brunansky (6-3, 200). Stepping in at tight end is promising junior Pat Bowe, a 6-7, 240-pound bruise.

Providing the brunt of the rushing attack will be sophomore sensation Darrin Nelson (5-11, 175), who scampered for 1,069 yards and caught 50 passes last season. Senior bucking back Phil Francis (6-1, 215), a good blocker and inside runner, also returns. The offensive line needs some attention, since senior tackle Gene Engle (6-5, 260) and senior guard Jim Stephens (6-3, 245) are the only holdovers. Senior George Kerekes (6-3, 255) and sophomore Brian Holloway (6-7, 250) will battle for the tackle vacancy, while the leading guard candidates are juniors Paul Hibler (6-2, 235) and Brent Saylor (6-5, 255) and sophomore Mike Neill (6-3, 230). Bidding to take over at center are junior Fred Burch (6-4, 245) and sophomore John Macaulay (6-4, 235).

DEFENSE

Heading what shapes up as a rock-ribbed defensive unit are senior linebacker Gordy Ceresino (6-2, 225) and junior flankman Chuck Evans (6-4, 240), both worthy all-star candidates. The Cards employ a 3-4 alignment on defense, and vying for the other line-backing spots are seniors Tony Mitre (5-11, 215) and Andy Sickmeier (6-2, 220), juniors Milt McColl (6-4, 220) and Terry Rennaker (6-6, 225), sophomores Bo Boxold (6-3, 220) and Steve Brudinger (6-2, 210) and freshman Dave Morze (6-4, 220).

Protecting the line flank opposite Evans in the front three will be junior Dean Wilson (6-4, 230), with juniors Charles Bedford (6-3, 245) and Dan Floyd (6-7, 255) battling for the spot in the middle. The secondary sees the return of senior John Pigott (5-11, 180), junior Rick Parker (5-10, 170) and sophomore Robby Chapman (6-1, 195). Also counted on to make life rotten for enemy passers are senior Savann Thompson (6-2, 190), juniors Keith Burcham (6-0, 180) and Joe

St. Gene (6-0, 175), sophomore Larry Harris (6-2, 195) along with JUCO product Steve Foley (6-2, 195).

SUMMARY

Despite the return of some standout performers (RB Nelson, LB Ceresino, DE Evans), the Cardinals will have trouble duplicating their 8-3 record (and 24-14 Sun Bowl win over LSU of last season. But before you jump to any conclusions, it should also be reported the '78 Cards will notch from six to seven wins and make their presence known in the Pac-10 title race.

ARIZONA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Kansas State	
Sep 16	Oregon State	
Sep 23	Texas Tech	26-32
Sep 30	Iowa	41-7
Oct 7	Michigan	
Oct 14	California	
*Oct 27	UCLA	
Nov 4	Washington	
Nov 11	Oregon	
Nov 18	Wash. State	
Nov 25	Arizona St.	7-23

OFFENSE

Graduation rang down the curtain on the college career of quarterback Marc Lunsford, but his departure may not hurt all that much with junior Jim Krohn (6-3, 180) ready to take over after passing for 392 yards and rushing for another 202 last season. Backstopping him at the signal calling spot are JUCO import Gary Guisness (6-1, 185), plus a pair of hotly recruited freshmen—Van Brandon (5-11, 185) and Bob Carter (6-1, 180). The top honcho in the pass catching group is senior tight end Ron Beyer (6-3, 225), who thundered for 339 yards on 20 receptions in '77. Holding over at split end is senior Tim Haynes (6-1, 195), who added 24 catches a year ago, with seniors Oscar Harvey (6-0, 185) and Reed May (5-9, 175) haggling over the flanker spot.

Top '77 ground gainer Dean Schock (563 yards) has departed but his loss won't hurt the rushing attack all that much. At least, not with holdovers like sophomore Hubert Oliver (5-9, 195), who ripped for 519 yards a year ago, and senior Lynn Dickerson (5-11, 205), back after missing last season with an injury. Newcomers counted on to bolster the overland attack are JUCO import Larry Heater (6-0, 200) and Cincinnati transfer John Ziegler (6-0, 195). The offensive line is a good one, bulwarked by senior guards Neil Orr (6-2, 250) and John Schramm (6-3, 235), senior tackle Ron Catlin (6-3, 250) and junior tackle Bill Jensen (6-5, 250). JUCO import Norm Katnik (6-2, 240) is the front runner to take over at the pivot spot, while senior Bill Segal (6-5, 260), who missed last year because of an injury will probably reclaim a starting job at tackle.

DEFENSE

Coach Tony Mason welcomes back seven regulars on defense, although the

way the Wildcats gave up points and yardage in '77, no one can be sure their starting job is secure. For example, senior Brian Wunderli (6-3, 235) and junior Jeff Whitton (6-2, 235) are experienced tacklers in the front wall, but they won't be able to relax until they fend off the challenges of JUCO import John Stemmer (6-5, 260) and Purdue transfer Cleveland Crosby (6-5, 250). Back to patrol the line flanks are seniors John Crawford (6-2, 215) and Chris Smith (6-2, 210), while set to step in at middle guard is sophomore Darrell Solomon (5-9, 215).

Backing up one side of the line is tenacious senior Corky Ingraham (6-2, 230), the latest standout linebacker for the 'Cats, with sophomore John Housley (5-11, 210) returning opposite him. Regulars holding over in the secondary are juniors Gary Harris (5-10, 175) and D.J. Wallace (6-2, 185), while lettermen expecting to claim the other two spots are junior Tracy Converse (6-1, 180) and sophomore Dwayne Horton (5-11, 185). Newcomers who could figure in prominently in the deep zones are a pair of sophomore transfers from Cincinnati U.—Dave Liggins (6-1, 190) and Reggie Ware (6-1, 190).

SUMMARY

The biggest news about the '78 Wildcats is that, along with Arizona State, they've joined the UCLAs and Southern Cal in the expanded Pac-10 conference. But we still think Coach Mason's latest edition of 'Cats have the offensive and defensive strength to play a role in their brand new league's title race and finish with a won-lost mark that will attract the attention of bowl scouts.

WASH ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 4 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	UN Las Vegas	
Sep 16	Idaho	45-17
Sep 23	Arizona State	
Sep 30	Army	
Oct 14	UCLA	16-27
Oct 21	Stanford	29-31
Oct 28	Oregon	56-20
Nov 4	Oregon State	24-10
Nov 11	Calif.	17-10
Nov 18	Arizona	
Nov 25	Washington	15-35

OFFENSE

The Cougars enter this campaign under the direction of a new skipper, former Nebraska assistant Jim Walden, who enjoys the great good fortune of inheriting senior quarterback Jack Thompson (6-3, 215) who passed for 2,372 yards (completing 192-329 aeri-als) and 13 TDs last season. And if Thompson, nicknamed the "Throwin' Somoan," has another year like that in '78, he'll become the most prolific passer (four years) in NCAA history. Graduation carried off the top three '77 pass receivers, but the Cougars have some capable replacements in wide receivers Bevan Maxey (6-3, 170), a senior who snagged 14 aeri-als as a back-up in '77,

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along with senior Jim Hargensen (6-1, 180), junior Tyrone Gray (6-2, 200) and sophomore James Whatley (6-1, 180). Contending for the tight end berth are senior Gus Hobus (6-4, 220) and JUCO recruit Rick Hedlund (6-6, 225).

Speedy junior Mike Washington (6-0, 185), who darted for a team-high 338 yards last season, leads the rushing onslaught, and others counted on for additional running punch are senior Harold Gilliam (5-10, 185), junior Tali Ena (6-2, 200) and Army transfer Doug Pritchard (6-1, 215), a sophomore who sat out last season after switching to WSU. The Cougars should have good blocking up the middle, with senior guard Tom Larsen (6-3, 235) and senior center Mark Chandless (6-2, 230) returning, but the rest of the front wall must be rebuilt. Junior Mike Linker (6-6, 250) and sophomore Allan Kennedy (6-7, 265) are the foremost applicants at the tackles, with senior Steve Jackson (6-3, 240) expected to fill the other guard hole.

DEFENSE

The Cougars have a stout-hearted front wall to highlight the defense, but the rest of this unit will need extensive repair since graduation did heavy damage. Smack-dab in the middle of the line is all-star candidate George Yarno, a 240-pound senior nose guard, flanked by senior tackle Terry Anderson (6-5, 245) and junior tackle Spud Harris (6-4, 240). At the ends again are senior Tom Thompson (6-1, 215) and sophomore Scott Pelleur (6-1, 205), with support from sophomore Mel Sanders (6-2, 210), a former regular returning after missing last season because of an injury.

Senior Raleigh Fletcher (6-1, 200) and junior Don Nevels (6-1, 215) are lettermen slated to take over at the linebacking spots, while the one returnee in the secondary is junior Bob Gregor (6-2, 185). The other spots in the deep zones will probably be occupied by seniors John Dodds (5-11, 185), out last year with an injury, and Randal Simmons (5-11, 185), along with junior Mike Snow (6-1, 190).

SUMMARY

New head coach Walden has the makings of a solid team, built around A-A quarterback Jack Thompson, which should be able to come close to matching last year's 6-5 record. But unless WSU can rebuild its defensive unit, mostly at linebacker and in the secondary, the Cougars will be lucky to crack the first division in the expanded Pac-10 standings in '78.

ARIZONA ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Pacific	
Sep 16	BYU	24-13
Sep 23	Wash. State	
Sep 30	UTEP	66-3
Oct 7	Northwestern	35-3
Oct 14	USC	
Oct 28	Washington	
Nov 4	California	
Nov 11	Stanford	
Nov 18	Oregon St.	

OFFENSE

Graduation carried off quarterback Dennis Sproul, a three-year regular, and bidding to claim the signal calling job are junior Mark Malone (6-4, 210) and sophomore John Fouch (6-2, 180). Malone was impressive in '77 as the No. 2 field general, and seems destined for great things if he continues to develop as expected. All-American wide receiver John Jefferson has also graduated, but the Sun Devils are confident senior Chris DeFrance (6-1, 205) and junior Ron Washington (6-0, 175), who teamed up for 27 receptions and five TD aeriels last season can pick up the slack. Sophomore John Mistler (6-2, 185) supplies depth at the wide spots, while stepping in at tight end is senior Marshall Edwards (6-2, 230).

The rushing attack should be potent, with senior Mike Harris (6-1, 205) along with juniors Arthur Lane (5-8, 185) and George Perry (6-3, 215) setting the tempo. Last season, Harris blasted for 738 yards, Lane rushed for another 648 and Perry added 468 more. The offensive line needs some rebuilding, since senior guard Greg Blakes (6-2, 225), senior center Chris Mott (6-2, 235) and junior center/guard Norris Williams (6-3, 240) are the only holdovers with starting experience. Senior Steve Chambers (6-6, 260), out last year because of injury will probably fill one tackle hole, with juniors Brad Igou (6-5, 240) and Russ Symmes (6-5, 245), plus sophomore Rod Esley (6-4, 255) and Kani Kauhi (6-3, 250) also counted on for help up front.

DEFENSE

The Sun Devils lost several top-notch defenders via graduation, but one of their finest—senior end Al Harris (6-5, 230)—returns to bulwark the line. Stationed at the other flank position is junior Robert Kohrs (6-2, 220), while the tackle berths are drawing the attention of senior Bob Allison (6-4, 240) and sophomore Eddie Sanders (6-3, 240), plus a pair of highly regarded JUCO imports—Tom Allen (6-4, 245) and Joe Peters (6-5, 250).

At linebacker, holdover regulars are senior Dave Barthel (6-2, 215) and junior Gary Padjen (6-2, 225), with the third starting spot up-for-grabs between senior Jeff McIntyre (6-3, 230), a former running back, juniors Bob Apuna (6-2, 220), Ricky Washington (6-3, 215) and Bob Carl (6-2, 215). The secondary also sees the return of two '77 regulars—seniors Darrell Gill (6-0, 190) and Raye Williams (6-3, 195). First in line to fill the other two berths are senior Kim Anderson (5-11, 175), sophomores John Moreland (5-11, 185), Mike Lee (6-2, 200) and Mitchell Thomas (6-3, 190).

SUMMARY

The most important news concerning the '78 Sun Devils is that, along with Arizona, they're members of the expanded Pac-10 conference now. Which may be great for Coach Frank Kush's recruiting in the future, but won't help his latest edition of ASU gridders, who'll have difficulty in their first year of Pac-10 competition because of the many graduation losses on both offense and defense. And the '78 Sun Devils will be

lucky to finish in the first division of their new league.

OREGON ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	BTU	24-19
Sep 16	Arizona	
Sep 23	Tennessee	10-41
Sep 30	Washington	6-14
Oct 7	Minnesota	
Oct 21	USC	10-17
Oct 28	Stanford	7-26
Nov 4	Washington St	10-24
Nov 11	UCLA	18-48
Nov 18	Arizona St	31-33
Nov 25	Oregon	16-28

OFFENSE

There's a wide-open battle shaping up for the starting assignment at quarterback for the Beavers, pitting seniors John Norman (6-1, 195), Jeff Kynaston (6-1, 190) and JUCO transfer Steve Smith (6-1, 185). Provided he can avoid injury problems that plagued him in the past, Norman should claim the job after passing for 929 yards (90 completions of 200) and six TDs last season. Sprinting underneath his tosses again will be senior Karl Halberg (6-1, 190) and junior Steve Coury (5-8, 170), a fine wide receiving tandem responsible for 58 catches in '77. Junior Terry Beck (6-4, 230) returns at tight end, with back-up support from sophomore Chris Smith (6-3, 230).

Headlining the rushing attack is senior James Fields (5-11, 215) who blasted for 740 yards a year ago, with ball carrying help from senior Rich Kahoonei (5-11, 225) and sophomore Willie Johnson (6-0, 190). Before the attack can shift into high gear, some work will have to be done up front, where the only returnees are senior tackle Craig Spielberg (6-4, 260) and junior guard Kevin Donaghue (6-3, 240). Trying to fill the holes up front are senior Gregg McDonald (6-2, 230), junior Brian Stack (6-1, 245), sophomores Rich Humphreys (6-6, 250), Doug Johnston (6-5, 250) and Brad Sorem (6-2, 255).

DEFENSE

A nucleus of battle-toughened veterans return on defense, and they will make things tougher for opponents in '78. Roaring in from the line flanks are senior Jerry Wilkinson (6-9, 275) and sophomore Nick Westerberg (6-6, 230), with good support from JUCO recruit Ira Hawkins (6-4, 230). First in line to occupy the tackle berths, left empty by graduation, are juniors Craig Roussell (6-3, 260) and Tom Schillinger (6-1, 245), but not before they fend off sophomore Bob Priest (6-4, 255) and JUCO transfer Dean Anderson (6-7, 250).

Backing up the middle of the line is senior Kent Payton (6-4, 225), while returning at the outside 'backer spots are senior Kent Howe (6-0, 210) and sophomore Reggie Williams (6-1, 235). The secondary has a number of seasoned ball-hawks, and seniors Tom Stephens (6-1, 185), Dave Horton (5-10, 175) and Lenny Holmes (5-11, 180), juniors Dan Wells (6-2, 185) and Rob Emmons (6-1, 190) and sophomore Dee Ward (6-1, 170)

will be very inhospitable to enemy passers again.

SUMMARY

This is Coach Craig Fertig's third year in Corvallis, and it should result in an improvement of the 2-9 marks hung up in his first two campaigns. The offense is solid, and will be superb if QB Norman stays healthy, and the defense should be improved, which could parlay into four of five wins for the '78 Beavers, not bad after their recent failures.

OREGON

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5

Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Colorado	
Sep 16	USC	15-33
Sep 23	TCU	29-24
Sep 20	Wisconsin	10-22
Oct 7	California	16-48
Oct 14	BYU	
Oct 21	Washington	0-54
Oct 28	Washington St	20-56
Nov 4	UCLA	3-21
Nov 11	Arizona	
Nov 25	Oregon St	28-16

OFFENSE

Pick a name, and flip a coin, that's how the quarterbacking situation shapes up for the Ducks following the graduation of two-year regular John Norman. The players most likely to get first crack at signal caller are JUCO

import Mike Kennedy (6-3, 205), junior Tim Durando (6-0, 190) and sophomore Dan Daly (6-1, 190). Returning to set the tempo for the receiving corps is senior flanker Ken Page (5-11, 180), who zipped for 591 yards on 40 catches last season. Lettermen Paul Bachtold (6-0, 180) and Dan Clark (6-5, 225), both seniors, are slated to take over at split end and tight end, respectively, and a freshman pass catcher worth noting is speedy Rourke Lowe (5-11, 180).

Coach Rich Brooks is determined to get additional punch out of the rushing attack. Which shouldn't be a "mission impossible" since returning for more ball toting are seniors Jim Johnson (5-10, 195), out last season with an injury, and Ed Radcliff (5-11, 185), junior Jeff Wood (6-2, 215) and sophomore Vince Williams (6-0, 185). And the Ducks are also singing the praises of frosh running back Reggie Young (6-1, 190). The wheelhorse in a battle-tested offensive line interior is senior center Steve Kleffner (6-2, 230), while also returning to their old stomping grounds are senior guard Bill Hoffman (6-4, 250), senior tackle Pete Laughlin (6-7, 265) and junior tackle Pat McDougall (6-5, 245). Stepping into the other guard hole is junior letterman Steve Greatwood (6-3, 230).

DEFENSE

The Ducks have some impressive young defenders on hand, and while this gang figures to be harder to move the ball against this season, they're still a bit "green" to be really leak-proof. Sophomore wrecking ball Vince Goldsmith (5-

11, 230), who made 72 tackles as a nose guard last season has shifted to a tackle in the new four-man front wall. Senior Rudy Bryan (6-3, 235) and sophomore Neil Elshire (6-6, 245), a regular in '77 until felled by injury, are fighting for the other tackle spot. Vying for the two flank positions are juniors Mike Kessler (6-4, 230) and Terry Dion (6-5, 235), and Scott Setterlund (6-4, 215).

Heading up the linebacking corps is senior Bruce Beekley (6-2, 210), who notched 129 solo tackles in '77, while filling the other two 'backer spots are seniors Willie Blasher (6-3, 205) and Tim Beyer (6-3, 220). In the secondary, the only returning regular is senior Ken Bryant (6-2, 215), and the shortage of veteran pass defenders will make the Ducks vulnerable to enemy throwers. Lining up for try-outs to fill the remaining spots in the deep zones are sophomore Gary Beck (5-11, 180), who played on offense last season, JUCO recruits Jerome Covington (5-10, 180) and Rock Richmond (5-9, 175), and freshman Ken Lawler (6-2, 180).

SUMMARY

The Ducks could flap their way to only two victories (against nine defeats) last season, and the loss of "key" performers like QB Norman can only hamper improvement this year. Unless a decent signal caller pops out of the woodwork, and that's very questionable, the '78 Webfoots will end up in the PAC-10 basement with only a couple of wins to their credit.

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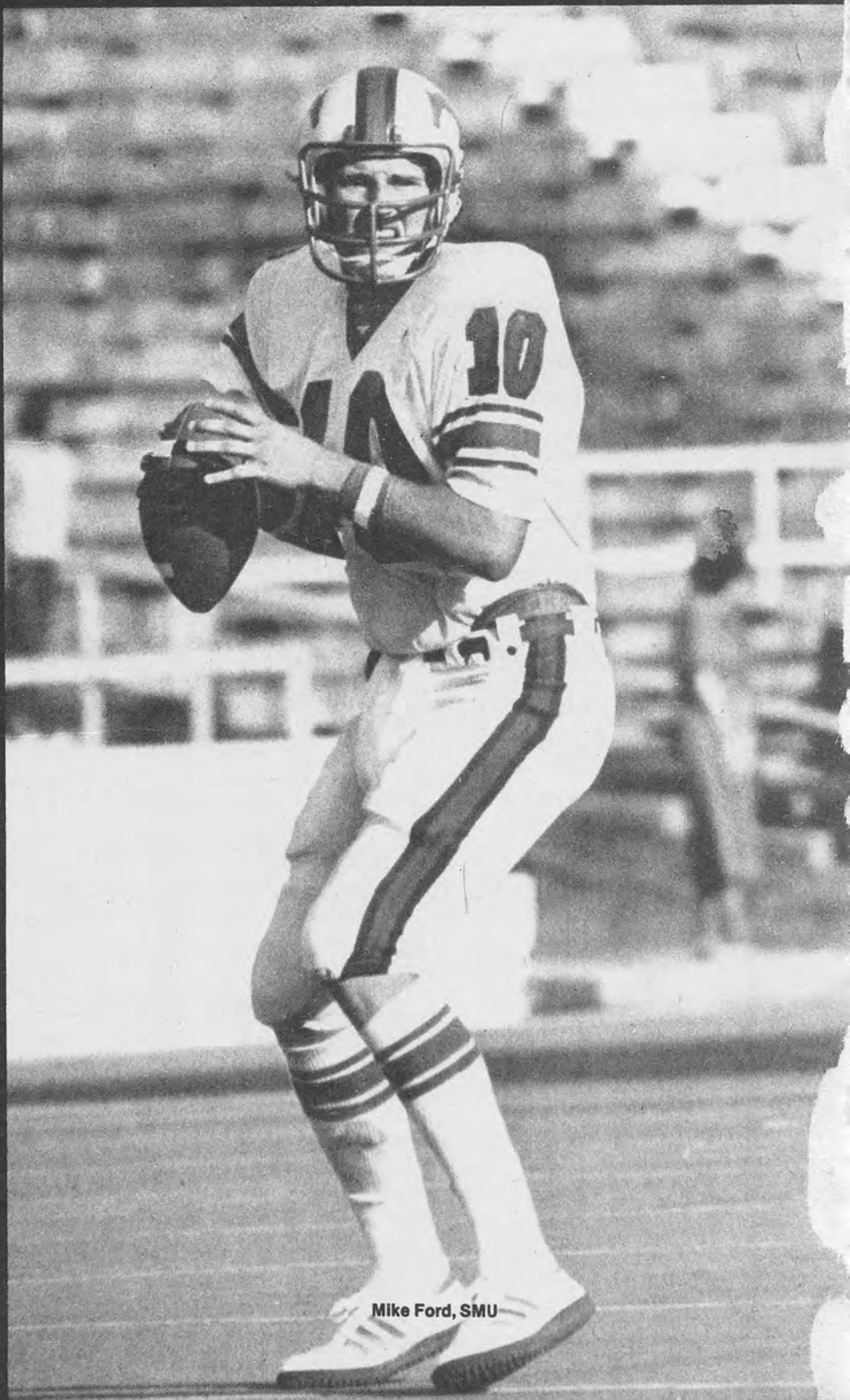


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- 5 Baylor
- 6 Houston
- 7 Texas Tech
- 8 TCU
- 9 Rice



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ARKANSAS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9

Defense 8

1978 Schedule

Sep 16	Vanderbilt	
Sep 23	Okla. St.	28-6
Sep 30	Tulsa	37-3
Oct 7	TCU	42-6
Oct 21	Texas	9-13
Oct 28	Houston	34-0
Nov 4	Rice	30-7
Nov 11	Baylor	35-9
Nov 18	Texas A & M	26-20
Nov 25	SMU	47-7
Dec 2	Texas Tech	17-14

OFFENSE

Piloting an explosive Razorback attack is senior Ron Calcagni (6-0, 175), a gifted option quarterback who passed for 1,147 yards (73-137) and rushed for 546 more last season. Back to run under his spirals again are junior flanker Donny Bobo (5-11, 180), who skipped for 454 yards on 22 catches in '77, rotating junior split ends Bob Farrell (6-5, 195) and Bruce Hay (5-11, 180) and senior tight end Charles Clay (6-0, 205). All of which should make the Hogs' passing attack a thing of beauty and a pain in the bleep for enemy defenders.

The rushing attack will more than hold up its end of the offensive scheme, what with returnees like senior Ben Cowins (6-0, 190) who rambled for 1,162 yards last season and 1,192 the year before, senior Mike Forrest (6-1, 210) and junior Roland Sales (6-1, 190), the hero when Arkansas blitzed Oklahoma (31-6) in the last Orange Bowl game. The offensive line welcomes back three '77 regulars—senior center Rick Shumaker (6-2, 230), junior tackle Greg Kolenda (6-1, 260) and junior guard Chuck Herman (6-3, 240)—but graduation claimed all-SWC picks Leotis Harris (also a consensus All-American) and Steve Heim. Trying to fill their berths will be senior guard Mark Lewis (6-2, 250), along with junior tackles Birt Locke (6-2, 240) and Rusty Wilber (6-4, 255).

DEFENSE

The Razorbacks also have the ingredients for a stout-hearted defense, with eight '77 regulars back for more action, led by senior tackles Jimmy Walker (6-0, 235) and Dan Hampton (6-5, 255). Senior Dale White (5-11, 240), back after missing the latter part of the '77 campaign because of an injury, and sophomore Norm Parrish (5-10, 210) are experienced nose guards, while protecting the line flanks again will be juniors Jim Howard (6-2, 210), Marty Mitcham (6-3, 210) and Jerry Saxton (6-0, 215).

Calling the shots at linebacker is senior All-American prospect Larry Jackson (5-11, 210), and following his lead will be senior Bill Hampton (6-0, 210) and junior Mike Massey (6-2, 225). In the secondary, returning for another

go-around are seniors Vaughn Lusby (5-9, 175) and Brad Shoup (6-0, 180), with the remaining spots being contested for by senior O.C. Jackson (5-7, 175), juniors Larry White (5-11, 175) and Les King (6-2, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Lou Holtz's Razorbacks surprised a lot of folks last season in his first year at the helm, finishing nationally ranked with an 11-1 mark counting their Orange Bowl romp over Oklahoma. And with 17 regulars holding over, how can you help but figure Coach Holtz's second edition of Hogs will: 1) finish in the Top Twenty again; 2) bid for the SWC title, and; 3) land another bowl bid at the end of the '78 campaign.

TEXAS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6

Defense 9

1978 Schedule

Sep 16	Rice	72-15
Sep 23	Wyoming	
Sep 30	Texas Tech	
Oct 7	Oklahoma	13-6
Oct 14	North Texas	
Oct 21	Arkansas	13-9
Oct 28	SMU	30-14
Nov 11	Houston	35-21
Nov 18	TCU	44-14
Nov 25	Baylor	29-7
Dec 2	Texas A&M	57-28

OFFENSE

Barking signals on offense for the Longhorns is senior Randy McEachern (5-11, 180) who passed for 906 yards and eight TDs last season, although he'll be challenged by juniors Jon Aune (6-1, 200) and Mark McBath (5-11, 175), both regulars in '77 until felled by injury. Junior sprinter Johnny "Lam" Jones (6-1, 185) heads up the pass catching brigade after rocketing for 534 yards on 21 catches a year ago, while returning at tight end is senior Gil Harris (6-3, 225). The other wide receiving berth is being contested for by senior Ronnie Miksch (6-0, 170) and junior Mike Lockett (6-0, 185).

All-American and Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell has graduated to the pro ranks, but holding over at the other running back spot is senior Johnny "Ham" Jones (5-9, 180) who darted for 489 yards in '77. Trying to fill Campbell's enormous shoes will be junior Jimmy Johnson (6-0, 215) and blue-chip freshman A.J. Jones (6-2, 200). Opening holes for the attack is a solid offensive line, spearheaded by junior center Wes Hubert (6-2, 245) and senior guard Jim Yarbrough (6-2, 260). Junior Craig Rider (6-1, 255) is slated to fill the other guard hole, with juniors Gary Sayre (6-5, 260) and Guy Sellers (6-5, 265) first in line to man the tackle berths.

DEFENSE

Nine regulars are back on defense, and this unit should be leak-proof again

despite the graduation of tackle Brad Shearer. Roaring in from the line flanks again are senior Tim Campbell (5-11, 210) and junior Henry Williams (6-2, 235), backed-up by senior Dwight Jefferson (6-2, 240) and junior Ron Bones (6-4, 235), while plugging the tackle slots will be junior Steve McMichael (6-2, 250), a '77 regular, and senior Bill Acker (6-2, 255).

Blasting enemy ball carriers from one linebacking spot is junior Lance Taylor (6-1, 215), top tackler last season with 121, with junior Mark Martignoni (6-0, 215) set at one of the other 'backer positions and sophomores Bruce Scholtz (6-6, 230) and Robin Sendlein (6-4, 220) vying for the third starting job. The secondary foursome returns intact—senior Glenn Blackwood (6-0, 175), juniors Johnnie Johnson (6-2, 185), Derrick Hatchett (6-1, 185) and Ricky Churchman (6-1, 200)—and enemy passers will find this gang hard to throw against.

SUMMARY

Last season in their first campaign under Coach Fred Akers, the Longhorns were the No. 1 team in the nation until they took a 38-10 thrashing from Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. Gone from that powerful club are All-Americans Earl Campbell and DT Shearer, but Coach Akers' second group of Big Orange gridders will use a still-potent offense and a rugged defense to bid for national recognition, another SWC title and a bowl bid this season.

TEXAS A&M

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 7

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	Kansas	28-14
Sep 23	Boston Coll	
Sep 30	Memphis St	
Oct 7	Texas Tech	33-17
Oct 14	Houston	27-7
Oct 21	Baylor	38-31
Oct 28	Rice	28-14
Nov 4	SMU	38-21
Nov 18	Arkansas	20-26
Nov 25	TCU	52-23
Dec 2	Texas	28-57

OFFENSE

The Aggies welcome back eight regulars on offense, but a replacement must be found for two-year quarterbacking standout David Walker. Sophomores Mark Mosley (6-1, 185), No. 2 signal caller in '77 when he passed and ran for over 300 yards, is the heir apparent to the starting job, with relief help from sophomore David Beal (5-11, 185). Alternating senior split ends Doug Teague (5-10, 175) and Darrell Smith (5-9, 175), who teamed up for 18 receptions last season, spearhead the pass catching corps, with back-up support from junior Gerald Carter (6-2, 180) and sophomore Mike Whitwell (6-0, 170). Holding forth

at tight end is senior Russell Mikeska (6-2, 230), but trying to wrest away that assignment are juniors Chuck Carr (6-5, 225) and Phillip Simpson (6-4, 225).

Pacing the rushing attack is a great inside-outside duo, senior George Woodard (6-0, 260), who smashed for 1,107 yards in '77, and junior speedster Curtis Dickey (6-1, 200) who cruised for another 978 yards a year ago. Rounding out the running back brigade is junior David Brothers (5-10, 205). The offensive line sees the return of three '77 regulars, led by senior tackle Cody Risien (6-7, 260) and junior guard Doug Holmes (5-10, 240). Also back is junior Ed Pustejovsky (6-2, 245), a starting guard a year ago, but a center candidate now if he can beat out junior Preston Dickson (6-0, 235). Lettermen bidding to start at the guard vacancy are juniors Mark Burger (6-2, 240), Kyle Golson (6-3, 240), Mark Giafortone (6-0, 235) and Johnnie Svatek (6-1, 245), with junior Curtis Jennings (6-6, 255) stepping in at the tackle spot opposite Risien.

DEFENSE

Despite the return of seven regulars on defense, Coach Emory Bellard intends shaking up the personnel on this unit, starting right in the front wall where the holdovers are junior end Jacob Green (6-2, 240) and senior tackle Johnnie Donahue (6-6, 255). Seniors Eddie Heath (6-4, 240), Stacy Breihan (6-2, 235), Garry Mulligan (6-0, 235) and Eugene Sanders (6-3, 260), along with junior James Zachary (6-1, 240) will battle for the two openings at end and tackle.

Senior Floyd Randle (6-0, 205) and junior Frank Lemons (6-0, 220) are veterans spearheading the linebacker brigade, with help from juniors Randy Harvey (6-3, 210), Dick Frazee (6-1, 215) and sophomore Doug Carr (5-11, 205). Three-fourths of the starting secondary crew returns—seniors Carl Grulich (6-0, 190) and Kenneth Taylor (6-2, 185), plus junior Jimmy Hamilton (6-1, 200). Bidding for the lone vacancy in the deep zones are senior Greg Clark (6-0, 190) and sophomore Elroy Steen (6-2, 195).

SUMMARY

The only fly in the ointment for the '78 Aggies is the quarterbacking situation, although sophs Mosely and Beal should be able to resolve that problem. And in so doing, help spark the Aggies to another winning season, a first division in the SWC and possibly another bowl bid.

SMU

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	TCU	45-21
Sep 16	Florida	
Sep 23	Penn State	
Oct 7	Ohio St.	7-35
Oct 14	Baylor	6-9
Oct 21	Houston	37-23
Oct 28	Texas	14-30
Nov 4	Texas A&M	21-38
Nov 11	Rice	41-24
Nov 18	Texas Tech	7-45
Nov 25	Arkansas	7-47

OFFENSE

The Mustangs enjoy the luxury of having one of college football's premier passers at their offensive throttle, sophomore Mike Ford (6-3, 215) who tossed strikes on 153 of 301 aerials, good for 2,064 yards and 11 TDs last season. His primary target again will be sophomore wingback Emanuel Tolbert (5-10, 180) who raced for 996 yards and six scores on 64 catches in '77. Senior Elton Garrett (6-3, 220) and junior Robert Fisher (6-4, 230) are back as rotating tight ends after an aggregate 33 receptions a year ago, and returning at split end is sophomore Anthony Smith (6-0, 180), who had 19 grabs of his own last season.

Graduation claimed top running back Arthur Whittington (824 yards in '77), and the rushing attack will tail off unless the void can be filled by returning ball toters like senior Walt Foster (6-2, 215), and sophomores Dave Dykhuizen (6-1, 210) and Derrek Shelton (6-0, 185). Bulwarking a seasoned offensive line is junior tackle Mike Jusko (6-6, 260), while back at the guards are senior Joe Bays (6-1, 240) and junior Randy Katz (6-0, 240). Sophomore Lance Pederson (6-1, 225), who lettered as No. 2 man last year, is slated to move in as the regular pivot, and vying for the other tackle spot are sophomores Walt McDonald (6-3, 260) and Mike Randle (6-3, 245).

DEFENSE

The Mustangs return eight '77 regulars on defense, but the only area of this unit that looks stable is the secondary, with seniors David Hill (5-9, 185), Sid Creehey (5-11, 185), Tim Jones (6-1, 190) and D.K. Perry (6-3, 185) holding over as starters. The linebacking corps is paced by senior Putt Choate (6-1, 225), in on 186 total tackles last season, while trying to move in at the other 'backer spot are sophomores Karl Arendale (6-0, 210) and Jim Smith (6-1, 220). Up front in the defensive line, junior Charles Hunt (5-11, 240) returns at nose guard, with sophomores Roy Douglas (6-3, 225) and Byron Hunt (6-5, 225) firing in from their flank positions again. Senior Pete Muse (6-2, 230) and sophomore David Marshall (6-5, 245) are the front runners at the tackle slots.

SUMMARY

The Mustangs are entering their third year under Coach Ron Meyer, and after logging 3-8 and 4-7 in the first two seasons, the third go-around could pay off with a winning record. The offense will be pass-oriented, and the defense should be hard to dent, which is bound to make the '78 Mustangs a factor in the SWC race. But other than playing a "sleeper" role, SMU won't be able to really contend with teams like Texas and Arkansas for the league's grid title in '78.

BAYLOR

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Georgia	
Sep 23	Kentucky	(21-6)
Sep 30	Ohio State	
Oct 7	Houston	24-28
Oct 14	SMU	9-6
Oct 21	Texas A & M	31-38
Oct 28	TCU	
Nov 4	Texas Tech	7-17
Nov 11	Arkansas	9-35
Nov 18	Rice	24-14
Nov 25	Texas	7-29

OFFENSE

There's a wide-open battle shaping up for the signal calling spot for the Bears, pitting junior Greg Wood (5-11, 175), sophomores Scott Smith (5-11, 175) and Mickey Elam (6-0, 185) and junior Steve Smith (6-1, 190), the latter a transfer from Texas who sat out last season. Wood and Scott Smith are the most experienced of the candidates, but don't count out the other aspirants. The pass catching brigade is paced by senior tight end Ronnie Lee (6-3, 240), a savage blocker who hauled in 21 aerials in '77, while alternating at the two wide receiving berths will be junior Bo Taylor (5-8, 170) and sophomores Gordon Marshall (5-11, 180) and Bob Holt (6-2, 175).

The rushing attack will probably be the main offensive weapon for the '78 Bears, spearheaded by senior tailbacks Greg Hawthorne (6-2, 210) and David Seaborn (5-11, 195) who rushed for 670 and 558 yards, respectively, last season. Others counted on for ball carrying duties are senior Steve Howell (6-2, 210) and junior Frank Pollard (5-10, 205). In the offensive line, the returning regulars are senior guard David Sledge (6-1, 250), junior center Ronnie Barnes (6-3, 240), senior tackle Brent Jones (6-5, 260) and junior tackle Arland Thompson (6-3, 245). JUCO recruits Keith Bishop (6-4, 240) and Frank Ditta (6-2, 230) are first in line to man the other guard position.

DEFENSE

Coach Grant Teaff has a few holes to fill on defense due to graduation losses, but a giant step in the right direction would be the healthy return of junior tackle Gary Don Johnson (6-5, 255) who sat out most of last season with an injury. Bidding to fill the other tackle hole are senior Gary Hutchinson (6-5, 250), juniors James Rowell (6-2, 240) and Tom Brown (6-4, 235), plus sophomore Joe Campbell (6-1, 240). Senior Ricky Rand (6-4, 230) and junior Russ Slicker (6-4, 220) are lettermen expecting to occupy the flank positions up front, although they'll have to first fend off sophomore Lester Ward (6-0, 205) and JUCO recruit Andy Mellontree (6-4, 220).

The linebacking corps is in pretty good shape, and the top hitters are junior Jerry Harrison (5-10, 205) and sophomore Mike Singletary (6-1, 200), with assistance from seniors Paul Hurst (6-0, 220) and Dennis Jiral (5-11, 220) and sophomore Doak Field (6-3, 210). Back in the secondary are senior safety Tony Green (6-0, 190) and junior cornerback

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Howard Fields (5-10, 180), while vying for the other two spots will be senior Steve Brothers (6-0, 180), junior Ken Griffin (5-10, 190), sophomore Darryl Smith (5-9, 170) and JUCO product Kirk Collins (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

Provided Coach Teaff can uncover a solid quarterback to add stability on offense, and keep everybody (especially Gary Don Johnson) healthy on defense, the '78 Bears will claw up their share of opponents. But a rugged schedule (both in and out of the SWC) will prevent Baylor from improving an awful lot on their 5-6 finish of a year ago, although they could notch as many as seven wins this season if everything falls into place.

HOUSTON

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Memphis St.	
Sep 23	Utah	34-16
Oct 7	Baylor	28-24
Oct 14	Texas A & M	7-27
Oct 21	SMU	23-37
Oct 28	Arkansas	0-34
Nov 4	TCU	42-14
Nov 11	Texas	21-35
Nov 25	Texas Tech	45-7
Dec 2	Rice	

OFFENSE

Battling to lay claim to the signal calling spot for the Cougars are senior Danny Davis (5-11, 180), a regular in '77 until knocked out by an injury, and junior Delrick Brown (5-11, 165) who passed for 977 yards and 13 TDs a year ago after replacing Davis. The top pass catcher holding over is senior split end Willis Adams (6-2, 190) who sprinted for 261 yards and three TDs on 15 receptions last season, with sophomore Eric Herring (6-2, 185) and junior Garrett Jurgaitis (6-5, 230) will get first crack at the flanker and tight end berths.

Thousand-yard rusher Alois Blackwell is gone via graduation, and so is running mate Dyrall Thomas. Seniors Randy Love (6-0, 205) and Emmett King (5-11, 175) are the most experienced ball toters back in camp, although they may be pushed aside by sophomores John Newhouse (5-11, 200) and Terald Clark (5-9, 185), both returning after red-shirting in '77. The wheelhorse in the offensive line is senior center Chuck Brown (6-0, 235), while other starters returning are senior guard Jim Wells (6-2, 250) and junior tackle Melvin Jones (6-4, 275). Juniors Jack Faniel (6-2, 255) and Calvin Darnell (6-2, 265) are slated to fill the guard and tackle holes left vacant by the graduation of Kevin Rollwage and Ramon Rosales.

DEFENSE

Six regulars are holding over on defense, and brightening the picture even more is the return of two former starters (Robert Oglesby and David Hodge) who missed last season. Junior Oglesby (5-11, 235) will try to unseat senior Harry Wright (5-11, 215), the incumbent at nose guard, with senior Grady Ebensberger (6-4, 260) back at one

tackle hole, and sophomore Hosea Taylor (6-5, 275) slated to man the other tackle. Going at it tooth-and-nail for the starting flank spots are seniors Alton Harver (6-1, 205), along with junior James Wilson (6-1, 210).

Junior Hodge, who sat out the '77 campaign for personal reasons, will blast enemy ball carriers from one line-backing spot, with junior Steve Bradham (6-2, 215) set at the opposite 'backer position. In the secondary, the returnees are juniors Gerald Cook (6-2, 190) and Elvis Bradley (6-0, 185), while a trio of juniors—Kenzie Foley (6-3, 190), Kenny Hatfield (6-0, 180) and Tommy Ebner (6-0, 180)—are vying for the other two spots in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

Coach Bill Yeoman didn't have an easy time of it last season, what with injuries and player defections (LB Hodge) culminating in a disappointing 6-5 finish. But things look much better heading into this campaign, and the Cougars could be a factor in the SWC title race if the rushing attack stays potent despite the graduation of Blackwell.

TEXAS TECH

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 3 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	USC	
Sep 23	Arizona	32-26
Sep 30	Texas	0-26
Oct 7	Texas A&M	17-33
Oct 14	New Mexico	49-14
Oct 21	Rice	42-7
Nov 4	Baylor	17-7
Nov 11	TCU	49-17
Nov 18	SMU	45-7
Nov 25	Houston	7-45
Dec 2	Arkansas	14-17

OFFENSE

Moving up to the head coaching slot for the Raiders is Rex Dockery, who served as offensive coordinator under ex-skipper Steve Sloan. And certain to be Dockery's first task will be selecting a quarterback from a group led by senior Tres Adams (6-1, 190) and junior Mark Johnson (6-0, 185). Both Adams, a strong passer, and Johnson, a dangerous runner on the option, saw extensive duty last season. The chief threat in the receiving corps is senior flanker Brian Nelson (5-11, 185), who sprinted for 223 yards on 17 catches in '77. Also holding over at tight end is power-blocking junior James Hadnot (6-2, 230). Figuring in the competition for the vacant split end spot are senior Godfrey Turner (6-0, 190) and junior Howie Lewis (6-5, 200), along with heavily recruited freshman Mike Jackson (6-0, 185).

Also departed via graduation is top '77 rusher Billy Taylor, and his absence will put a crimp in the ground attack. Letterman ball toters counted on to pick up the slack are junior Sam Bailey (5-9, 190), sophomores Steve Dawson (6-1, 200) and Timmy Orr (6-5, 215). The offensive interior line may also cause new coach Dockery some concern, since the only returning starters are junior tackle Ken Walter (6-4, 240) and junior guard

Larry Martin (6-0, 230). Seniors Greg Mahoney (6-2, 235) and Bubba Burns (6-4, 240) are the best bets to take over at the other guard and tackle, respectively, while slated to man the pivot spot is junior Joe Walstad (6-3, 240).

DEFENSE

The defensive unit isn't in a lot better shape than its offensive counterpart, with just five '77 regulars holding over. In the front wall, the top returnee is senior tackle Curtis Reed (5-11, 235), while back at one flank spot is junior Andy Thomas (6-3, 210). Senior Olan Tisdale (6-5, 220) is set to move in at the other flank, while vying for the assignment at the vacant tackle are senior Kim Taliaferro (6-3, 245) and junior David Hill (6-3, 255).

Senior Don Kelly (6-0, 220), who got in on 107 tackles last season, is the only starter returning at linebacker. The other two 'backer spots will most likely be filled by juniors Jeff Copeland (6-2, 215) and Greg Wooddell (5-11, 215). In the secondary, the only holdovers with starting experience are juniors Larry Flowers (6-1, 180) and Willie Stephens (6-1, 180), both part-time regulars in '77. Taking over at the two other spots in the deep zones are juniors Freddie Taylor (5-11, 180) and John Quinney (6-0, 195).

SUMMARY

The injury-plagued Raiders slipped to 7-5 last season in their final campaign under Steve Sloan. The new skipper, Rex Dockery inherits a team stripped in key areas (like running back, linebacker and the secondary) by graduation, so it's very unlikely the '78 Raiders can match their record of a year ago. And unless Tech can spring a couple of upsets along the way, they will slip under .500 this season.

TCU

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 9

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	SMU	21-45
Sep 23	Oregon	24-29
Sep 30	Penn State	
Oct 7	Arkansas	6-41
Oct 14	Rice	35-15
Oct 21	Tulane	
Oct 28	Baylor	9-48
Nov 4	Houston	14-42
Nov 11	Texas Tech	17-49
Nov 18	Texas	14-44
Nov 25	Texas A&M	23-52

OFFENSE

Under center for the Horned Frogs is senior quarterback Steve Bayuk (6-2, 190), who went to the air lanes 250 times last season, completing 114 for 1,474 yards and 14 TDs. Junior Don Harris (6-3, 185) and hot-shot freshman Steve Stamp (6-1, 195) provide good depth at signal caller. Graduation carried off top pass catcher Mike Renfro, a record-setter and all-league pick, and it's anybody's guess which player will emerge as the leading receiver. It could be senior Mike Milton (6-0, 180), who snagged 18 passes in a backup role in '77. But also in the running are senior Martinez Smith (6-1, 185), junior Mark Renfro (6-1, 185), soph-

omore Bobby Stewart (5-11, 180), JUCO import Steve Williams (6-1, 175) and freshman Phil Epps (5-11, 180). At tight end, the foremost applicants are senior James Harris (6-4, 230), juniors Brad Bowen (6-1, 220) and Kevin McBurnett (6-1, 215).

Heading up the rushing attack is junior Jimmy Allen (5-11, 195), the team leader last season with a net total of just 445 yards. Senior Duncan Still (5-11, 210) and sophomore Chet Strickland (6-1, 215) are returning lettermen who could help with the ball toting. And two newcomers who might make an immediate impact are JUCO recruit Craig Richardson (5-8, 180) and freshman Russell Bates (6-1, 190). The offensive interior line returns intact, led by senior tackles Donald Davis (6-4, 250) and Mark Klug (6-4, 250). Snapping the ball again is sophomore center Eddie Grimes (6-4, 230). Once more flanking him at the guards are sophomores Billy Kinder (6-2, 235) and Frank Hartman (6-3, 240), with backup support from seniors Earl Reeves (6-3, 250) and Ray Hummel (6-3, 245).

DEFENSE

Nine regulars return on defense, along with one player—tackle Marshall Harris (6-6, 255)—who started two years ago but missed last season with an injury. Senior Harris will battle with senior James Price (6-3, 255) and junior Wes Roberts (6-5, 245) for the tackle berths, while sophomores Bobby Cummings (6-2, 215), John Wade (6-1, 215) and Daron Mosley (6-1, 220) are all experienced hands at the line flanks. Sophomore Mike Issac (6-3, 240) hopes to nail down the nose guard spot, and four newcomers certain to log playing time somewhere up front are JUCO recruits David Braxton (6-1, 225), Bill Butler (6-4, 240), Fred Williams (6-3, 220) and Derek Smith (6-3, 200).

Holding over at linebacker are regulars Charlie Abel (6-0, 210), a junior, and sophomore Jim Bayuk (6-0, 210), although they'll be pushed hard by sophomore letterman Kelvin Newton (6-1, 210) and JUCO products Steve Bingham (6-1, 215) and Kevin Moody (6-2, 210). In the secondary, the corners are protected again by senior Perry Colston (6-0, 180) and sophomore Mark Labhart (5-11, 185). Also back at the safety spots are juniors Chris Judge (6-3, 180) and Steve Barnes (6-0, 185). JUCO transfers Al Futrell (6-0, 185), Kevin Turner (6-3, 190) and Kim Deloney (5-10, 185) will challenge in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

Coach Hayden Fry's Horned Frogs are coming off a 2-9 season, TCU's umpteenth consecutive losing year in a row. And while the '78 Frogs look stronger in many areas, their rugged schedule will prevent them from improving a lot on their won-lost mark or their standing in the SWC.

RICE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8		Defense 10	
1978 Schedule			
Sep 9	Iowa State		
Sep 16	Texas		15-72

Sep 23	Oklahoma	
Sep 30	LSU	0-77
Oct 14	TCU	15-35
Oct 21	Texas Tech	7-42
Oct 28	Texas A&M	14-28
Nov 4	Arkansas	7-30
Nov 11	SMU	24-41
Nov 18	Baylor	14-24
Dec 2	Houston	

OFFENSE

Piloting the Owls' pass-oriented attack is sophomore Randy Hertel (6-1, 185), who rifled strikes on 156 of 356 aerials, good for 1,620 yards and nine TDs last season. When Hertel cranks up his throwing arm, his favorite target will be senior wide receiver David Houser (6-0, 185), an all-leaguer who zoomed for 795 yards on 55 receptions in '77. Senior Joey DiQuinzio (5-8, 175) and sophomore Darrell Mouton (5-11, 180) shared the other wide receiving berth last season. But both could be pushed aside by senior Doug Cunningham (6-1, 185), a '76 regular (when he caught 55 passes) out most of last year with an injury. Senior Danny Newman (6-3, 215) takes over at tight end.

Anemic is the best word to describe the rushing attack, although improvement is possible with returnees like junior fullback Earl Cooper (6-2, 225) who ripped for a team-high 598 yards last season. Bidding for the starting role at the other running back are junior Bo Broeren (6-0, 180), and sophomores Laney Royal (5-11, 185) and Cal France (6-1, 190). Four regulars are back in the offensive interior line—senior tackles Ernie Rogers (6-4, 250) and Dwane Moyer (6-2, 240), senior guard Todd Wernet (6-1, 240) and junior guard John Joyce (6-3, 235). Lining up for a try-out at the vacant spot are junior Skip Garrett (6-1, 235), sophomores Daryl Grant (6-2, 235) and Keith Kveton (6-2, 225).

DEFENSE

The Owls welcome back ten regulars on defense. But the way this unit gave up points and yardage last season, their return is no guarantee the defense will be much better. In the line, the flanks are patrolled again by senior Larry Ball (6-0, 215) and sophomore Will Rub (6-3, 215), while back at the tackles are seniors Tom Adams (6-2, 240) and Dwight Moyer (6-2, 235). Fighting for the nose guard spot are senior lettermen Jeff Brast (6-0, 235) and John Stroman (6-3, 230).

Once again holding forth at the line-backing spots are senior Dennis Blair (6-2, 225) and junior Bob Williamson (6-0, 220). In the secondary, the pacesetter is senior Don Parrish (5-11, 190), who led the '77 Owls with four interceptions. Others returning in the deep zones with starting experience are seniors Bobby Tinch (5-10, 170) and Carl Derrett (6-0, 180), junior Don Rutledge (5-11, 180), and sophomores Mike Downs (6-3, 180) and Rickey Thomas (6-0, 175).

SUMMARY

Last season, the Owls could come up with just one victory against 10 defeats. And despite the return of 18 regulars, Rice will be lucky, indeed, to win more than one or two games this year while finishing deep in the SWC's second division.

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- 9 Illinois
- 10 Northwestern

MID-AMERICAN

- 1 Miami (Ohio)
- 2 Ball State
- 3 Central Michigan
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- 6 Western Michigan
- 7 Eastern Michigan
- 8 Ohio U
- 9 Bowling Green
- 10 Toledo

INDEPENDENTS

- 1 Notre Dame



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Big Ten

OHIO STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Penn State	
Sep 23	Minnesota	38-7
Sep 30	Baylor	
Oct 7	SMU	35-7
Oct 14	Purdue	46-0
Oct 21	Iowa	27-6
Oct 28	N'western	35-15
Nov 4	Wisconsin	42-0
Nov 11	Illinois	35-0
Nov 18	Indiana	35-7
Nov 25	Michigan	8-14

OFFENSE

Cracking the whip on offense for the Buckeyes is senior quarterback Rod Gerald (6-1, 180), a versatile three-year regular who ran and passed for 1,462 yards last season. In the receiving corps, OSU employs a double tight end set-up, and returning at those spots are senior Jimmy Moore (6-5, 235) and Bill Jacob (6-5, 240). Getting first crack at the vacant flanker spot will be juniors Tyrone Hicks (6-2, 185) and Chuck Hunter (6-2, 210), along with sophomore Doug Donley (6-1, 180).

Headlining a powerful rushing attack is senior All-America candidate Ron Springs (6-2, 205), who rambled for 1,166 yards last season. Springs will line up at tailback, while figuring to share duties at fullback are sophomore Joel Payton (6-2, 220), who led the team with 13 rushing TDs in '77, junior Paul Campbell (6-1, 220) and Ric Volley (6-0, 215). The offensive interior line shapes up well despite the graduation of two starters, including All-America tackle Chris Ward. Back at the other tackle is senior Joe Robinson (6-5, 260), and battling for Ward's old spot are senior Tim Burke (6-5, 250), juniors Doug Mackie (6-4, 255) and Tim Brown (6-5, 270), and sophomore Keith Ferguson (6-5, 240). Over the ball at center again is senior Tim Vogler (6-3, 235), while back next to him at one guard is junior Ken Fritz (6-3, 245). Seniors Jim Savoca (6-2, 235), a '76 regular sidelined by injury last season, Ernie Andria (6-3, 235) and Tom Waugh (6-1, 240) are banging heads for the right to start at the other guard.

DEFENSE

Coach Woody Hayes will have to overhaul the Buckeye defense after losing five regulars via graduation. But this gang still has the muscle to slam the door on opponents. Blasting in from one line flank is senior Kelton Dansler (6-2, 220), an all-league pick in '77, with senior Paul Ross (6-1, 230) returning at the other terminal. Set at one tackle is senior Byron Cato (6-2, 240), and bidding for the spot opposite him are junior Gary Dulin (6-2, 240) and touted freshman Kevin Akins (6-5, 260). Lining up for a shot at the middle guard spot are junior

Tim Sawicki (6-1, 225), senior Mark Sullivan (6-4, 250) and sophomore Luther Henson (6-2, 245), the latter two converted offensive linemen.

Blasting enemy ball carriers from one linebacker position is senior Tom Cousineau (6-3, 235), latest in a long-line of super 'backers to play at OSU. Vying for the berth opposite Cousineau are a quartet of '77 lettermen—senior Terry Vogler (6-2, 220), junior Tom Blinco (6-2, 215), sophomores Tony Megaro (6-2, 220) and Alvin Washington (6-4, 230). Holding over in the secondary are junior Mike Guess (5-11, 185) and senior Lenny Mills (6-3, 195). Lettermen counted on for additional help in the deep zones are senior Duncan Griffin (5-11, 195), junior Brian Schwartz (6-1, 195), along with sophomores Todd Bell (6-1, 190), Bob Murphy (6-1, 185), Ray Ellis (6-2, 190) and Vince Skillings (6-1, 180).

SUMMARY

The Buckeyes ended last season on a bitter note, losing out to Michigan in the Big Ten title race and then taking a 35-6 beating from Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. But with the wealth of talent (offensively and defensively) at his disposal this year, Coach Hayes will lead his OSU gridders back to the top of the league, which also means a high national ranking and a berth in next January's Rose Bowl game.

**Don't pay
in July and pray
in October.**

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MICHIGAN ST

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Purdue	19-14
Sep 23	Syracuse	
Sep 30	USC	
Oct 7	Notre Dame	6-16
Oct 14	Michigan	14-24
Oct 21	Indiana	13-13
Oct 28	Wisconsin	9-7
Nov 4	Illinois	49-20
Nov 11	Minnesota	29-10
Nov 18	Northwestern	44-3
Nov 25	Iowa	22-16

OFFENSE

Cracking the whip on offense for the Spartans is senior quarterback Ed Smith (6-0, 175), who passed for 1,731 yards (117 of 240 completions) and 10 TDs last season. Smith already holds a number of school passing records, and could hold them all by the end of this season if he keeps on throwing aerial strikes. When

Smith gets set to unload, the receiver to keep an eye on is senior flanker Kirk Gibson (6-2, 205) who scampered for 531 yards and six TDs on 22 catches in '77. Also getting his share of the action will be junior tight end Mark Brammer (6-3, 230), who had 27 grabs of his own a year ago, while battling for the vacant split end spot are senior Barry Harris (6-1, 185), junior Eugene Byrd (5-11, 175) and sophomore Samson Howard (6-0, 180).

Senior tailback Leroy McGee (6-0, 195), who motored for 720 yards in '77, is the top honcho in the rushing attack, with assistance from junior Alonzo Middleton (6-1, 215) and sophomore Bruce Reeves (5-11, 180). Along the offensive line, the Spartans welcome back three '77 regulars—senior tackle Jim Hinesly (6-2, 245), and junior guards Mike Densmore (6-2, 250) and Rod Strata (6-1, 240). Slated to step in at the vacant tackle and center positions, respectively, are senior Regis McQuaide (6-5, 255) and junior Rick Audas (6-2, 240).

DEFENSE

The Spartans return six '77 regulars on defense, but fortunately, three of them will anchor a solid front wall—senior tackle Mel Land (6-3, 245), junior tackle Angelo Fields (6-5, 280) and sophomore middle guard Bernie Hay (6-3, 245). The secondary also looks strong, with seniors Tom Graves (6-3, 215) and Jerome Stanton (6-0, 180), along with junior Mark Anderson (6-1, 185) all back on duty. Trying to nail down the fourth spot in the deep zones are senior Ken Robinson (6-1, 190), sophomores Jim Burroughs (6-2, 185) and Mike Marshall (6-1, 180).

Graduation hit hardest in the four-man linebacking corps, claiming Craig Fedore, Paul Rudzinski and Mike Dean, all seasoned defenders. The lone returnee at linebacker is junior Dan Bass (6-0, 215), while bidding to occupy the other three spots are seniors Mike Decker (6-1, 230) and Larry Savage (6-2, 210), junior Steve Otis (6-2, 210) and sophomore John McCormick (6-3, 200).

SUMMARY

Coach Darryl Rogers' Spartans are coming off a solid 7-3-1 performance last season, and with 13 regulars holding over, prospects for the coming campaign seem even better. A rugged '78 schedule will prevent the Spartans from going unscathed, but MSU could win as many as eight games and play a role in the battle for this year's Big Ten grid title.

MICHIGAN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Illinois	37-9
Sep 23	Notre Dame	
Sep 30	Duke	21-9
Oct 7	Arizona	
Oct 14	Michigan St	24-14

Oct 21	Wisconsin	56-0
Oct 28	Minnesota	0-16
Nov 4	Iowa	23-6
Nov 11	Northwestern	63-20
Nov 18	Purdue	40-7
Nov 25	Ohio State	14-6

OFFENSE

Pulling the offensive triggers for the Wolverines is three-year quarterbacking regular Rick Leach (6-1, 190) who hit the bull's-eye on 90 of 174 aeriels, accounting for 1,348 yards and 13 TDs via the air lanes last season. Back to run underneath his spirals is junior wingback Ralph Clayton (6-3, 210), team leader in '77 with 24 catches, while sophomores Rod Feaster (6-2, 185) and Alan Mitchell (6-2, 190) are the foremost prospects to fill the split end position. Supplying veteran depth at tight end will be seniors Gene Johnson (6-3, 225), who latched onto 13 passes a year ago, and Mark Schmerger (6-2, 230).

Thump, thump here comes the Wolverines' rushing attack, bulwarked by seniors Russell Davis (6-1, 220) and Harlan Huckleby (6-2, 200) who rambled for 1,092 and 743 yards, respectively, last season. Helping with ball toting duties will be juniors Roosevelt Smith (5-10, 200) and Lawrence Reid (6-1, 205), and sophomore Stanley Edwards (6-2, 210). Graduation left some very large holes in the front wall, claiming standouts like guard Mark Donahue, center Walt Downing and tackle Mike Kenn. Returning at one tackle hole is senior Jon Giesler (6-4, 255), while slated to fill the other tackle hole is senior Bill Dufek (6-4, 255), an All-American selection in '76 who missed last season because of an injury. At the guards, seniors John Arbezniak (6-3, 240) and Greg Bartnick (6-2, 235) and junior Gary Quinn (6-3, 240) are bidding for starting roles, with the pivot spot being contested for by senior Steve Nauta (6-2, 235), junior George Lilja (6-4, 240) and sophomore John Prepolec (6-4, 240).

DEFENSE

The Wolverines employ a 3-4 defensive alignment, and the good news is the return of senior tackles Curtis Greer (6-1, 240) and Dale Keitz (6-1, 240) to bulwark the front wall. Graduation claimed middle guard Steve Graves, and trying to fill that void will be senior Tom Melita (6-1, 225) and sophomore Mike Trgovac (6-2, 225).

Heading up the four-man linebacking corps are junior Ron Simpkins (6-1, 200), in on 174 total tackles in '77, and senior Jerry Meter (6-3, 210). The other two linebacking regulars, John Anderson and Dom Tedesco, have walked the graduation gang plank, and the heir apparants to their old spots are seniors Mark DeSantis (6-3, 215) and Tom Seaborn (6-3, 210). The secondary also needs some repair, since junior Mike Jolly (6-3, 185) is the lone returning regular. Senior Mark Braman (6-1, 195), juniors Gene Bell (6-2, 195), Mike Harden (6-1, 180) and Bob Patek (6-2, 195), and sophomore Stu Harris (6-2, 190) are lettermen counted on to shore up the secondary.

SUMMARY

It should come as no surprise to learn that Coach Bo Schembechler has another

strong team assembled in Ann Arbor, but one that may have trouble matching last season's 10-2 mark that ended on a sour note in a 27-20 Rose Bowl loss to Washington. The Wolverines look capable of notching seven or eight wins in '78, which should keep them high in the Big Ten standings, although the maize-and-blue will probably fall short of extending their title reign in the league with powerful Ohio State on the scene.

MINNESOTA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Toledo	
Sep 23	Ohio State	7-38
Sep 30	UCLA	27-13
Oct 7	Oregon St	
Oct 14	Iowa	6-18
Oct 21	Northwestern	13-7
Oct 28	Michigan	16-0
Nov 4	Indiana	22-34
Nov 11	Michigan State	10-29
Nov 18	Illinois	21-0
Nov 25	Wisconsin	13-7

OFFENSE

Returning at quarterback for the Golden Gophers is slender junior Wendell Avery (6-0, 175), but based on his '77 passing stats (33 of 76 completions, 461 yards) his hold on the starting job looks shaky. His chief competition will come from junior Mark Carlson (5-11, 185), sophomores Mark Tonn (6-5, 205) and Greg Pylatuik (6-2, 190). The receiving corps is deep and experienced, led by senior split end Jeff Anhorn (6-2, 180) who paced the team last season with 16 receptions. Also returning are alternating flankers Steve Breault (6-0, 190), a senior, and junior Elmer Bailey (6-0, 190), as well as junior tight end Glenn Borquin (6-3, 235).

Hard-running junior fullback Kent Kitzmann (6-2, 215) returns to lead the ground attack after blasting for 647 yards in '77. Kitzmann set an NCAA single game record for rushing attempts last season, when he carted the pigskin 57 times for 266 yards against Illinois. Other holdovers counted on for ball toting help are junior Jeff Thompson (6-1, 210), sophomores Marion Barber (6-2, 200), Roy Artis (6-1, 185) and Glen Lewis (6-3, 210). In order for the attack to really pack a "knock-out" punch, the offensive interior line will have to be restored since the only returning starter is junior tackle Marty Stein (6-3, 250). Bidding for the other tackle spot are senior Greg Murtha (6-6, 250) and junior Mark Hebenstreit (6-6, 265). The guard holes are under the scrutiny of juniors Darell Schwen (6-3, 225), Pat Paquette (6-4, 245) and Tom Fitzpatrick (6-4, 225), along with sophomore Jim Anderson (6-1, 235). Senior Ken Wypyszynski (6-5, 240), a converted tight end, has moved to fill the center spot.

DEFENSE

The Gophers have a good start defensively, with a veteran front wall that sees the return of three '77 regulars—senior end Stan Sytsma (6-3, 225), senior tackle Jim Ronan (6-5, 255) and senior middle

guard Doug Friberg (6-3, 235). Junior Alan Blanshan (6-5, 260) is slated to man the other tackle, while taking over at the vacant flank spot is senior Steve Cunningham (6-6, 235), a '76 regular out last season with an injury.

Both linebacking regulars have graduated, making this the most vulnerable area on defense. The two most experienced backers, and the likely choices to nail down the regular jobs, are senior Ed Burns (6-1, 210) and junior Don Meyer (6-2, 210), with support from sophomore Jack Johnson (6-1, 220). The secondary will be strong, led by four returnees with starting experience—seniors Keith Brown (6-0, 195) and Brian Snyder (5-10, 180), juniors Keith Edwards (5-11, 190) and Ken Foxworth (5-11, 175). Lettermen counted on for additional help in the deep zones are juniors John Hoffman (5-11, 185) and Paul Rogind (5-10, 180).

SUMMARY

Coach Cal Stoll's Gophers were the "Cinderella Team" in the Big Ten, running up a 7-4 mark before falling to Maryland (17-7) in the first-ever Hall of Fame bowl. But heavy graduation losses in the offensive line and at linebacker will hurt. And while Stoll returns a good nucleus of talented players, the '78 edition of Golden Gophers will be hard-pressed to match their record (or their bowl bid) of a year ago.

INDIANA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	LSU	24-21
Sep 23	Washington	
Sep 30	Nebraska	13-31
Oct 7	Wisconsin	14-30
Oct 14	Northwestern	28-3
Oct 21	Mich. St.	13-13
Oct 28	Illinois	7-21
Nov 4	Minnesota	34-22
Nov 11	Iowa	24-21
Nov 18	Ohio St.	7-35
Nov 25	Purdue	21-10

OFFENSE

Running the Wildcat offense is senior quarterback Scott Arnett (6-3, 190), who passed and ran for 1,197 yards and accounted for 11 TDs last season. The only returning regular in the pass catching contingent is junior tight end Dave Harangody (6-4, 240), who wrapped his big mitts around 11 passes in '77. Battling for the starting assignments at the two wide receiving berths, left vacant by graduation, are junior Mark Fishel (6-0, 185), sophomore Ron Pennick (5-10, 170) and JUCO recruit Mike Friede (6-3, 190).

The top gun in the rushing is senior tailback Darrick Burnett (6-0, 185), who ripped loose for 774 yards last season. Experienced returnees at fullback are senior Tony D'Orazio (6-0, 210) and sophomore Lonnie Johnson (6-1, 200). A big plus for the rushing attack is the healthy return of speedy sophomore Mike Harkrader (5-8, 185), top rusher in '76 (1,003 yards) but out last season with an injury. Pivoting a veteran offensive interior line is returning center Mark

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Heidel (6-1, 230), a senior, with senior tackle Doug Peacock (6-4, 240) and senior guard Terry Colby (6-1, 235) also back at their old berths. Juniors Jeff Phipps (6-2, 230) and Bob O'Keefe (6-1, 230) are vying for the other guard spot, while fighting to take over at the vacant tackle are senior Mike McCord (6-4, 245), junior Gerry Michko (6-4, 250) and sophomore Gerhard Ahting (6-5, 255).

DEFENSE

Coach Lee Corso has a good nucleus of veterans back on defense, which will make the Hoosiers more inhospitable to enemy attacks this season. In the line, there's a four-way battle for the flank spots, pitting senior George Doebla (6-3, 225) and junior Paul Yarian (6-2, 230), last year's starters, against Greg McIntosh (6-3, 215) and Carl Smith (5-11, 220), both '76 regulars out last year with injuries. Plugging one tackle hole is junior Al Leak (6-4, 240), with sophomore Brent Tisdale (6-4, 235) slated to take over opposite him. The nose guard spot is being contested for by senior Steve Weissert (6-0, 225), junior Mel Patton (5-10, 220) and sophomore Terry Tallen (6-0, 235).

Returning at the linebacking spots are seniors Joe Norman (6-1, 220) and Doug Sybert (6-2, 215), and very little will get by this hard-hitting duo. In the secondary, the holdovers are senior Dave Abrams (6-1, 185), who led the Big Ten last season with seven interceptions, and senior Dale Keneipp (5-10, 175). Hopeful of nailing down the other two spots in the deep zones are seniors Nick Barnes (5-10, 180) and John Swinehart (6-0, 180).

SUMMARY

The Hoosiers broke even last season with a 5-5-1 mark, but Coach Corso has the manpower to rise to bigger and better things this time around. A very rugged schedule will prevent the '78 Hoosiers from really showing great improvement, although they should win as many as six games and move up a bit in the Big Ten standings.

PURDUE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Michigan St	14-19
Sep 23	Ohio	44-7
Sep 30	Notre Dame	24-31
Oct 7	Wake Forest	26-17
Oct 14	Ohio St	0-46
Oct 21	Illinois	22-29
Oct 28	Iowa	34-21
Nov 4	Northwestern	28-16
Nov 11	Wisconsin	22-0
Nov 18	Michigan	7-40
Nov 25	Indiana	10-21

OFFENSE

The Boilermakers have a budding All-America in sophomore quarterback Mark Herrmann (6-5, 200), who made quite a debut last season as a freshman when he tossed strikes on 175 of 319 passes, accounting for 2,453 yards and 12 TDs. Running underneath Herrmann's spirals again will be junior flanker Ray Smith (6-1, 190) and sophomore tight end Dave Young (6-5, 220), who combined

for 66 receptions in '77. Graduation took split end Reggie Arnold, and trying to take over at that spot are senior Tony Gallivan (6-0, 180), sophomore Bart Burrell (6-2, 185) and JUCO import Mike Harris (6-1, 180).

The key to a balanced offense is a stronger rushing attack. Sophomore Robert Williams (5-10, 185) and senior Russell Pope (5-10, 180), who rushed for an aggregate 530 yards last season, are the best of the returnees. But converted quarterback Chuck Oliver (6-1, 185), a sophomore, and freshmen Tom Barr (6-3, 225) and Wallace Jones (6-0, 190) could outstrip the veteran ball carriers. Coach Jim Young will build the offensive interior line around a trio of returning starters—senior guard John LeFeber (6-4, 235), junior tackle Steve McKenzie (6-4, 250) and junior center Pete Quinn (6-1, 235). Vying for the other guard spot are senior Dale Schwan (6-3, 235) and sophomore Steve Krol (6-4, 240), with senior Tim Eubank (6-6, 245), filling the vacant tackle hole.

DEFENSE

In order for the Boilermakers to improve on last year's 5-6 mark, they'll have to get a better showing from the defense. The line sees the return of junior tackle Marcus Jackson (6-4, 250) and junior end Keena Turner (6-2, 215), both '77 starters. Senior Ken Loushin (6-3, 245), out last year with an injury, will battle junior Jeff Senica (6-3, 235), sophomore Calvin Clark (6-4, 245) and freshman Scott Virkus (6-5, 240) for the other tackle. Senior Reben Floyd (6-1, 215) takes over at the vacant flank spot, while stepping in at middle guard is junior Steve Schlundt (6-3, 230), a converted offensive center.

Crunching enemy runners from one linebacking position again is junior Kevin Motts (6-1, 215), with the other 'backer post being contested for by junior Mark Johanson (6-1, 210), sophomore Dean Bordigioni (6-2, 225), and freshmen Tom Munro (6-6, 220) and O'Ryan Moore (6-2, 225). In the secondary, back at the safety berths are seniors Willie Harris (6-0, 190) and Rock Supan (5-10, 190). Battling for the corner-back spots are senior Rick Moss (5-11, 180), who started several games last season, senior Wayne Smith (5-11, 180) and freshman Tim Seneff (6-3, 205).

SUMMARY

Coach Young's Boilermakers finished under .500 last year despite the presence of passing phenom Herrmann, and the script for this season looks about the same. Herrmann will roll up gaudy stats tossing the pigskin, the rushing attack will be average at best, and the defense—while slightly improved—will have trouble containing opponents over the long haul. The Riveters could sneak above .500 in '78, probably with six wins, but they're a long way from title contention in the Big Ten.

WISCONSIN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 9

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Richmond	

Sep 23	Northwestern	19-7
Sep 30	Oregon	22-10
Oct 7	Indiana	30-14
Oct 14	Illinois	26-0
Oct 21	Michigan	0-56
Oct 28	Michigan St	7-9
Nov 4	Ohio State	0-42
Nov 11	Purdue	0-22
Nov 18	Iowa	8-24
Nov 25	Minnesota	7-13

OFFENSE

Assuming the head coaching job for the Badgers is Dave McClain, ex-skipper at Ball State, and he'll select his starting quarterback from between senior Charles Green (6-1, 200) and junior Kalasmiki (6-4, 200). Green is the more experienced of the two, having passed for 408 yards (34 of 64) last season as No. 2 signal caller. Back to pace the receiving corps is senior split end David Charles (6-2, 190), who scampered for 437 yards on 29 catches in '77. Also returning is senior tight end Greg Barber (6-4, 225), while battling for the flanker spot are juniors Wayne Souza (6-2, 185) and Tom Braker (6-5, 200).

Fleet-footed senior Ira Matthews (5-10, 175), held to only 351 rushing yards last season expects to bounce back and lead the ground attack. Assisting him with the ball carrying duties again will be senior Joe Rodriguez (6-1, 230), and juniors Kevin Cohee (5-11, 185) and Tom Stauss (5-11, 200). Returning to pivot the offensive interior line is senior center Jim Moore (6-4, 240), with one guard hole plugged again by senior Brad Jackomino (5-10, 225). Taking over at the other guard is senior John Wagner (6-3, 245), while occupying the tackle berths will be senior Dave Krall (6-4, 245), a starting guard in '77, and junior Ray Shell (6-3, 255).

DEFENSE

The real strength of the '78 Badgers is their defensive unit, which returns nine regulars. In the line, back to patrol one flank is sophomore Dave Ahrens (6-3, 225), while moving in at the other terminal is junior letterman Jeff Vine (6-3, 215). Plugged into the tackle holes once more are juniors Bruce Woodford (6-2, 255) and Tom Schremp (6-3, 245), and sandwiched between them again is senior nose guard Dan Relich (5-11, 215).

Pacing the linebacking corps is returning regular Dave Crossen (6-2, 215), a senior, while battling for the other 'backer spot are junior Kurt Holm (6-3, 230) and sophomore Dave Levenick (6-2, 210). The secondary will, indeed, be tough to pass against with all four '77 starters back for more ball-hawking duties—seniors Scott Erdmann (6-1, 190), Greg Gordon (6-1, 180), Dan Schieble (5-11, 195) and Lawrence Johnson (5-11, 195).

SUMMARY

If the Badger defense, a rugged bunch, has anything to say about it, year one of the Coach Dave McClain era in Madison will result in a better mark than last season's disappointing 5-6 record. But, unfortunately, the offense isn't in nearly as good shape, and lacking a potent attack will be the downfall of the '78 Badgers who seem destined for the Big Ten's second division again.

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IOWA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Northwestern	24-0
Sep 23	Iowa State	12-10
Sep 30	Arizona	7-41
Oct 7	Utah	
Oct 14	Minnesota	18-6
Oct 21	Ohio St.	6-27
Oct 28	Purdue	21-34
Nov 4	Michigan	6-23
Nov 11	Indiana	21-24
Nov 18	Wisconsin	24-8
Nov 25	Mich. St.	16-22

OFFENSE

Coach Bob Commings will select the Hawkeyes' starting quarterback from a group of aspirants that includes sophomores Bob Commings, jr. (6-2, 200)—the skipper's son—Pete Gales (6-3, 190) and Jeff Green (6-0, 175), along with blue-chip freshman Darin Erickson (6-4, 205). Commings, jr. started several games last season, giving him the edge in experience, but newcomer Erickson could claim the signal calling role once he's adjusted to his new surroundings. A veteran cast is still around to take care of the pass receiving, led by senior split end Mike Brady (5-9, 175), junior tight end Jim Swift (6-4, 230) and sophomore wingback Jim Frazier (5-10, 170), a trio that combined for 49 catches last season.

The rushing attack is powered by senior John Lazar (6-1, 210) who ripped loose for 411 yards in '77, with juniors Dennis Mosley (5-10, 180)—out half of last season because of an injury—and Tom Renn (5-9, 185), and seniors Rod Morton (5-11, 195) and Tom Arkelipane (6-0, 205) also returning to help out with the ball toting duties. Another area of concern for Coach Commings may be the offensive line, where the only holdovers are senior guard Mike Mayer (6-1, 230) and junior tackle Sam Palladino (6-1, 250). Lettermen in the running for the other berths in the front wall are senior Doug Benschoter (6-2, 255), junior Lemuel Grayson (6-3, 255), along with sophomores Greg Gilbaugh (6-5, 245), Jay Hilgenberg (6-3, 235) and John Hager (6-1, 250). Powerful junior John Hager (6-6, 270), a transfer from Notre Dame via the JUCO ranks, is sure to play a prominent role up front.

DEFENSE

The Hawkeyes welcome back eight regulars on defense, and the top "hitter" is senior linebacker Tom Rusk, a 230-pound senior who blasted 105 enemy ball carriers all by himself last season. Junior Mike Jackson (5-11, 210) is set at one of the other 'backer spots, while vying for the third are senior Tim Gutshall (6-0, 205), junior Leven Weiss (6-3, 215) and sophomore Bryan Skradis (6-1, 210). Holding over in the secondary are senior Dave Becker (6-2, 190) and junior Cedric Shaw (6-2, 190), while competing for the other two berths will be senior Charles Danzy (5-11, 185), junior Mario Pace (6-0, 175), along with freshmen recruits Vince Campbell (6-3, 205) and Joe Aulisi (6-1, 200).

Coach Commings is ankle-deep in veteran defenders in the front wall, headlined by senior flankmen Darrel Hobbs (6-6, 245) and Steve Vasquez (6-2, 235), sophomore tackle John Harty (6-6, 260) and junior tackle Mark Mahmens (6-2, 245). Providing great depth in the line will be seniors Joe Hufford (6-2, 245), Joe Willis (6-3, 260) and Steve Wagner (6-3, 230), along with junior Jim Molini (6-4, 235).

SUMMARY

Coach Commings has slowly been building a solid grid program at Iowa, and this could be the year his efforts pay off with a winning record. Returning from last season's 4-7 club are 15 regulars, augmented by some impressive new recruits, giving the Hawkeyes the necessary ingredients to crack the .500 plateau in '78 and log their first winning record in many years.

ILLINOIS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5

Defense 9

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Northwestern	7-21
Sep 16	Michigan	9-37
Sep 23	Stanford	24-37
Sep 30	Syracuse	20-30
Oct 7	Missouri	11-7
Oct 14	Wisconsin	0-26
Oct 21	Purdue	29-22
Oct 28	Indiana	21-7
Nov 4	Mich. State	20-49
Nov 11	Ohio St.	0-35
Nov 18	Minnesota	0-21

OFFENSE

Scrapping for the starting nod at quarterback for the Fightin' Illini are touted JUCO recruit Lawrence McCullough (6-2, 190), an excellent option man, sophomores Tim McAvoy (6-4, 200) and Rich Weiss (6-1, 200). The pass receiving corps should be able to flag down any aeriels launched, led by senior wide receivers Eric Rouse (6-0, 185) and Tom Schooley (6-4, 200), who caught an aggregate 25 passes last season. Also returning is sophomore tight end Lee Boeke (6-4, 220), although he could be ousted by junior Mike Sherrod (6-6, 225), the regular at that spot in '77 until sidelined by an injury.

The rushing attack, no great shakes last season, may be even weaker following the graduation of top '77 ball totter James Coleman. Returning at fullback is senior Charlie Weber (6-2, 210), with backup support from junior Clarence Baker (6-0, 210) and sophomore Wayne Strader (6-3, 215). Vying for the tailback spot are senior Vince Carter (5-9, 180), sophomore Greg Foster (6-2, 200) and JUCO recruit Larry Powell (5-11, 185). The offensive interior line will come in for major overhaul since the only hold-over regulars are senior center Randy Taylor (6-3, 245) and sophomore tackle Tim Norman (6-6, 260). Getting first crack at the remaining spots up front are senior Dan Melsek (6-6, 245), a '76 starter out last year because of injury, junior Tom Kolloff (6-4, 235), JUCO import John Glinski (6-5, 260), sophomore Rick Antonacci (6-3, 240) and freshman Mike Carrington (6-3, 235).

DEFENSE

Returning on defense are nine regulars, and Coach Gary Moeller breaks into a big grin everytime he thinks about this unit. Up front, the leaders are senior tackles Bruce Thornton (6-6, 265) and Jim Kogut (6-4, 245), while pinching in from the flanks again are sophomores John Scott (6-3, 210) and Earnest Adams (6-3, 215). Senior Stanley Ralph (6-2, 235), out last season with an injury, has returned and will take over at middle guard.

All-league selection John Sullivan, a 220-pound senior, and junior John Meyer (6-3, 210) are solid again at the linebacking spots, and both of them hit with a wallop! The secondary also boasts veteran depth, with seniors Dale Hardy (6-1, 185), David Blakely (6-3, 200) and Derwin Tucker (6-2, 185) back on duty after starting last season. Others certain to help in the deep zones are juniors Dave Kelly (6-0, 185) and Carooq Taylor (6-1, 200), and JUCO recruit Tim Holm (6-2, 190).

SUMMARY

Last season, the Illini skidded to 3-8, but improvement this year seems quite likely. But only if the offense starts producing on a more consistent basis to take the "heat" off the defensive unit. The attack looks capable of doing this with hot-shot JUCO product McCullough taking over at QB, so the Illini will win more games in '78, but still end up in the Big Ten's second division.

NOR'WESTERN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 4

Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Illinois	21-7
Sep 16	Iowa	0-24
Sep 23	Wisconsin	7-19
Sep 30	Colorado	
Oct 7	Arizona St	3-35
Oct 14	Indiana	3-28
Oct 21	Minnesota	7-13
Oct 28	Ohio St	15-35
Nov 4	Purdue	16-28
Nov 11	Michigan	20-63
Nov 18	Michigan St	3-44

OFFENSE

Problem number one facing new head coach Rich Venturi is uncovering a quarterback to man the offensive throttle. Those in line at the signal calling spot are senior Scott Stranski (6-3, 215), junior Kevin Strasser (6-4, 195), and sophomores Dana Hemphill (6-0, 180), Bill Dierberger (6-0, 195) and Bill Weir (6-1, 185). Stranski is the most promising of that group, but alas, he may pass up the '78 grid season to play instead with the school's baseball team. Waiting for the situation at quarterback to be resolved is junior wide receiver Todd Sheets (5-11, 190), who leads the receiving corps after carrying eight aeriels for a 24.9 yard average last season. The most experienced returnee at tight end is senior Wally Kaspryscki (6-4, 240), with backup help there from freshmen Clarke Prichard (6-6, 235) and Bill Gildner (6-5, 220). Several '77 lettermen are eye-balling the other wide receiving spot, but a

"sleeper" at this position could be sophomore Rod Roberson (6-4, 185), who plays for the school's basketball team.

The rushing attack will be spearheaded by promising sophomore Dave Mishler (6-0, 205), who came on strong at the end of last season to lead the team with 520 yards. Fellow sophomores Mike Cammon (6-0, 190), Don Johnson (6-3, 215) and Timmy Hill (6-1, 185) are other young ball toters with promise, but not much experience. The wheelhorse in the offensive interior line is junior center Mike Fiedler (6-2, 235), but the rest of the front wall was wiped clean by graduation. Fighting to fill those holes are juniors Phil Reitz (6-3, 230), Bill Schmidt (6-3, 225), Jim Ford (6-2, 245) and John Schober (6-6, 250) and sophomore Bill Draznik (6-3, 240).

DEFENSE

Holding over on defense for the 'Cats are eight regulars, plus a number of players who saw extensive duty as backups last season. Bulwarking the line are senior tackle Mike Weitzman (6-2, 250) and junior tackle Norm Wells (6-4, 245). Vying for the two flank spots, left

vacant when '77 regulars Kevin Berg and Dean Payne moved to linebacker, are seniors Mike Kendzicky (6-2, 210) and Chuck Rogers (6-4, 215), juniors Curt Grelle (6-4, 215) and Tom Ahern (6-3, 220).

Converted ends Berg (6-3, 220), a junior, and sophomore Payne (6-4, 220) will man two of the 'backer spots, while bidding for the third are seniors Scott Duncan (6-2, 225), Blaine Ogilvie (5-11, 215) and Jim Miller (6-1, 220). Returning in the secondary are regulars Steve Bobowski (5-10, 180), Pat Geegan (6-0, 185) and Guy Knafelc (5-11, 190), all seniors. Sophomore Dave Hoffman (6-0, 180) is slated to fill the other spot in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

The downtrodden Wildcats have only won two games over the past two years, and the arrival of new coach Venturi isn't going to make that big a difference this campaign. With a few breaks, the 'Cats might win one or two games in '78 but they'll occupy the Big Ten basement again.

Mid American

MIAMI (O)

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Ball St	
Sep 16	Central Michigan	
Sep 23	W'tern Michigan	14-8
Sep 30	Dayton	26-23
Oct 7	No Carolina	
Oct 14	Marshall	29-19
Oct 21	Bowling Green	33-13
Oct 28	Toledo	27-3
Nov 4	Ohio	28-24
Nov 11	Kent State	25-0
Nov 18	Cincinnati	

OFFENSE

The field general for a potent Redskin attack is senior quarterback Larry Fortner (6-4, 205), an all-MAC selection who passed and ran for over 1,800 yards and accounted for 20 TDs last season. Returning to run underneath his spirals again are senior flanker Mark Angelo (6-2, 190), who reeled in 21 passes in '77, along with senior Paul Warth (6-6, 230) and Tim Whetsel (6-2, 220), a pair of alternating tight ends who combined for 43 catches a year ago.

Junior tailback Mark Hunter (5-7, 185), who rushed for 809 yards last season, leads the ground attack, with more-than-adequate assistance from senior Jeff Feicht (5-9, 195) and junior Kaiser Holman (6-0, 200), who added an aggregate 1,110 yards rushing in '77. The offensive line is solid and deep, with senior Jack Streicher (6-2, 240) and junior Matt Mazur (6-4, 235) at the tackles. Rotating at the pivot spot will be junior Steve Ruhe (6-2, 220) and sophomore Tom Mooney (6-0, 210), while veterans at

guard are senior Andy Botting (6-2, 235), juniors Doug Noxsel (6-2, 230) and Dave Crowder (6-3, 230).

DEFENSE

The Redskins lost several defensive standouts (including all-league nose guard Jack Glowick) via graduation, but they should still be hard to penetrate. Bulwarking the front wall are senior tackles Dave Hatgas (6-0, 225) and Mike Rosenberger (5-11, 230), while protecting one line flank is senior Greg Sullivan (6-0, 200). Sophomore Steve McCafferty (6-1, 210) is the heir apparent at middle guard, with the vacant flank position being contested for by senior Dave McKenzie (6-5, 220), juniors Keith Harvey (6-1, 215) and Gerry Glowick (6-0, 210).

The Redskins have turned out a number of outstanding linebackers over the years, and the latest in that tradition is senior Joe Farais (6-2, 210), in on 122 tackles in '77, while bidding for the other 'backer spot are senior Bob Kolkmeier (6-0, 210), junior Jody Huffman (6-1, 210) and sophomore Kent McCormick (6-2, 215). Returning regulars in the secondary are senior Pat McDermott (6-0, 190) and junior Kirk Springs (6-1, 180), with seniors Ron Wilkinson (6-0, 185), Mike Smith (5-11, 190) and Ed Williams (5-11, 180) expected to battle for the other two spots.

SUMMARY

The Redskins have a new skipper in ex-Michigan assistant Tom Reed, and he inherits many of the key ingredients from last year's 10-1 team, including offensive leader. Fortner (QB) and some hard-hitting defenders. Which should enable rookie head coach Reed's first edition of 'Skins to finish with another banner won-lost record in '78 and make a strong bid for the MAC grid title.

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BALL STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 9

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	Miami, O.	
Sep 16	Kent St.	12-13
Sep 23	Toledo	43-3
Sep 30	C. Mich	28-12
Oct 7	Ind. State	42-18
Oct 14	La. Tech	
Oct 21	Ill. St.	27-16
Oct 28	E. Mich.	45-21
Nov 4	Bowl. Gr.	
Nov 11	W. Mich	29-25
Nov 18	Nor. Ill.	31-6

OFFENSE

The Cardinals have a new grid skipper in Dwight Wallace, an ex-Colorado aide, and he must be pure delighted about his new assignment since he inherits 16 regulars from last year's 9-2 club. At the offensive controls is junior Dave Wilson (5-11, 175), a great passer who completed 65% of his aerial attempts (115-177) good for 1,589 yards and 17 TDs last season. His favorite target will be senior split end Rick Morrison (5-11, 165), responsible for 59 receptions in '77, while holding over at tight end is junior Tom Broderick (6-2, 220). Trying to nail down the flanker assignment are junior Jeff Fansher (5-10, 175) and sophomore Keith Burgess (6-2, 185).

Graduation claimed top rusher George Jenkins (1,070 yards in '77) and the Cardinals may throw the pigskin more this season unless returnees like senior Gary Acklin (5-10, 175), junior Archie Currin (5-9, 185) and sophomore Roy Thomas (5-10, 185) can fill the void in the ground attack. Returning in a battle-tested front wall are senior guard Bruce Burke (6-2, 230), junior guard Mark Eddy (6-3, 245) and junior tackle Rick Bostater (6-3, 255). Set to fill the vacancies in the offensive line are senior center Ken Punzelt (6-1, 220) and sophomore tackle Scott Newburg (6-5, 255).

DEFENSE

Only two defensive regulars have graduated, which will make the Cards hard to move against again this season. In the front wall, the leaders are senior tackle Ken Kremer (6-3, 245) and senior middle guard Larry Williams (6-1, 220), with junior Rush Brown (6-3, 250) stationed at the other tackle, and the line flanks protected by senior Dave Matzl (6-2, 210) and junior Dennis Gunden (6-4, 220). Backing up one side of the line will be senior Bill Pindras (6-2, 220), while bidding to claim the spot opposite him are senior Dave Molnar (6-1, 215) and sophomore Brady Hoke (6-1, 210). The premier tackler and ball-hawk in the secondary is senior Bill Stahl (5-11, 190), six interceptions and 121 total tackles last season, and also holding over in the deep zones are seniors Jeff Hilles (6-0, 180), Jon Hoke (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

The Cardinals have a new head coach, Dwight Wallace, but they figure to continue their winning ways and bid to equal or better their fine performance of a year ago. The offense will probably be a bit more pass-oriented, and the defense just

as hard to dent, which should result in another banner record and a bid for the MAC title by Ball State in '78.

C MICHIGAN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 4

Defense 8

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	Kent State	49-10
Sep 16	Miami, O.	
Sep 23	Alcorn St.	39-7
Sep 30	Ball State	12-28
Oct 7	Ohio U.	31-14
Oct 14	Ill. State	28-7
Oct 21	Northern Ill.	25-21
Oct 28	Bowling Green	35-28
Nov 4	Toledo	44-0
Nov 11	E. Mich	9-3
Nov 18	W. Mich	28-23

OFFENSE

Taking the snap from center for the Chippewas is junior quarterback Gary Hogenboom (6-3, 190), a part-time regular in '77 when he passed and ran for 645 yards. Backstopping him at the signal calling spot is promising sophomore Kevin Northup (6-2, 185). The top pass catcher back in the fold is junior split end Brian Blank (6-2, 185), who hauled in 19 aeriels last season, with junior Mike Ball (5-9, 180) returning at flanker and senior Tim Parker (6-1, 210) and sophomore Doug Brown (6-4, 230) lettermen sharing tight end duties.

Graduation claimed 1-2 rushers Mose Rison and Michael Gray, which could put a crimp in the rushing attack unless replacements can be found. Juniors Mark Neiderquill (5-10, 180) and Will Young (6-1, 200), along with sophomore Lonnie Lewis (6-1, 190) are lettermen looked to for ball toting punch, and newcomers counted on for immediate help in that department are freshmen Reggie Mitchell (5-8, 170) and Ross Rocheleau (6-1, 195). The offensive interior line needs some rebuilding, since the only regulars back on duty are senior tackle Chuck Harbin (6-4, 245). Senior John Schillito (6-1, 220) is slated to take over at center, while vying for the open berths at guard and tackle are senior Doug Brown (6-3, 235), junior Don Wollenzin (6-2, 240), sophomores Marty Smallbone (6-3, 240) and John Vierk (6-3, 235), plus JUCO recruit Mark Ekkens (6-3, 245).

DEFENSE

The Chippewas ranked among the national leaders in several defensive categories last season, and they should be just as hard to dent this year with eight regulars holding over. In the front wall, the flanks are once again guarded by senior Kevin Collins (6-1, 215) and junior Bill White (6-3, 220), with senior Steve Smallbone (6-1, 245) back at his customary tackle hole. Set to man the other tackle is junior letterman Chuck Stiver (6-2, 245).

Senior Bryan Gross (6-1, 210), credited with 125 total tackles in '77, leads the linebacking corps, with assistance from senior Mark Sankovitch (6-1, 210) and junior Joe Vicari (6-0, 210). Enemy passers won't have much success throwing against CMU, since all four '77

regulars are back on duty in the secondary—seniors Vondell Robertson (5-11, 190) and Mike Ryan (6-0, 190), juniors Rick Waters (6-0, 205) and Carl Word (5-10, 185).

SUMMARY

Last season, Coach Roy Kramer's CMU gridders forged out a fine 10-1 record, and there's no let-up in sight this year if the Chippewas can come up with the necessary personnel to offset the graduation losses sustained on offense. Sparked by a rugged defensive unit, one of the best in the Midwest, the '78 Chippewas will finish with another winning mark, but they won't notch quite as many victories since the offense is a bit questionable at running back and in the front wall where some key players are missing.

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in July and pray
in October.**

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KENT STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6

Defense 8

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	C. Mich.	10-49
Sep 16	Ball St.	13-12
Sep 23	Ill. State	33-14
Sep 30	Ohio U.	44-23
Oct 7	West. Mich.	20-16
Oct 14	Bowling Green	0-14
Oct 21	Marshall	
Oct 28	Air Force	
Nov 4	Nor. Ill.	18-21
Nov 11	Miami, O.	0-25
Nov 18	Toledo	23-12

OFFENSE

Former assistant Ron Blackledge, who joined the KSU staff just last year, has been elevated to the head coaching job following the departure of Dennis Fitzgerald, and he inherits an offense that could be strong if he can find a reliable quarterback to run the whole shebang. Sophomore Mike Shaughnessy (6-1, 170), a late season starter in '77, is first in line for the signal calling position, although he'll get some stiff competition from blue-chip freshman Tom Delaney (5-10, 175). The only regular holding over in the pass receiving brigade is senior tight end Sam Moore (6-1, 210), a strong blocker but only average as a receiver. Bidding to move into the two wide receiving berths are seniors Jack Curley (6-0, 170) and Andy Ferree (5-11, 180), sophomore Skip Wells (6-0, 165) and freshman Doug Fletcher (6-1, 180).

The rushing attack should be more formidable than its passing counterpart, led by junior Mike McQueen (5-9, 180) who darted for 574 yards last season. Top '77 ground gainer Tom Roper (6-30 yards) has graduated, and trying to take

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over at his old spot are junior Darrell Middleton (6-0, 225), who played defensive end a year ago, and sophomore Doug West (5-10, 200). Anchoring the offensive line is senior tackle Tom Jesko (6-5, 245), a punishing blocker, and also returning are junior guard Marvin Hall (6-0, 230) and junior center Jeff Hreyna (6-3, 230). Senior Tom Wendling (6-2, 230) and sophomore Kevin Kuhar (6-2, 245) have their eye on the other tackle spot, with junior Kurt Pagan (6-0, 230) moving into the guard vacancy.

DEFENSE

The defensive picture is much brighter for KSU, with eight regulars back in camp, led by senior linebacker Jack Lazor (6-2, 215), an all-star candidate who got in on 197 tackles last season. Wow, that's a lotta stops! Lining up at the other 'backer spots will be junior Ben Batton (6-1, 210) and senior Mike McKibben (6-3, 225), the latter returning after missing most of the '77 campaign because of a knee injury. In the secondary, manning the corners again are seniors Harry Liggins (6-0, 175) and Woodie Thompson (5-10, 185), while banging heads for the starting jobs at safety will be senior Bill Pagan (5-11, 185), junior Mickey Mund (6-0, 185) and sophomore Jeff Sisterhen (5-11, 175).

Up front, the line flanks are capably protected by senior Andre Lanier (6-3, 225) and junior Dave Badzik (6-0, 215), while anchored at one tackle hole is junior Bob Wallace (5-11, 235). Competing for the other tackle are senior Warren Love (6-1, 230), and juniors Dick Jamieson (5-10, 225) and Bill Duash (6-3, 240).

SUMMARY

The Golden Flashes finished on the right side of .500 with a 6-5 mark last year, and more of the same is in store for this season despite the abrupt resignation of ex-skipper Fitzgerald. His successor, Ron Blackledge, will lead a strong KSU team into the '78 campaign, and when the final curtain rings down, the Golden Flashes will have seven or eight wins and a strong first division finish in the MAC.

N ILLINOIS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	W'stern Michigan	21-49
Sep 23	NE Louisiana	
Sep 30	Illinois St	7-16
Oct 7	LB State	
Oct 14	W'stern Illinois	
Oct 21	Cent Michigan	21-25
Oct 28	S'tharn Illinois	28-0
Nov 4	Kent State	21-18
Nov 11	Toledo	9-27
Nov 18	Ball State	6-31
Nov 25	Ohio	20-6

OFFENSE

Returning to man the offensive throttle for the Huskies is senior quarterback Pete Kraker (6-1, 190) who passed for 1,034 yards last season while completing 56% (103-183) of his aerial attempts. Also holding over is senior split

end Dave Petzke (6-1, 180), who heads up the pass catching brigade after hauling in 57 tosses last season. Sophomores Emile Lovely (6-3, 175) and Jim Latanski (6-1, 205) are back at flanker and tight end, too.

The main man in the rushing attack is sophomore Allen Ross (5-10, 195) who set a school record in '77 when he scooted for 1,043 yards, while opposite him again will be senior Carl Fisher (5-11, 215) at the bucking back post. The pivot in a battle-toughened offensive line is junior center Randy Clark (6-4, 235), while other returnees up front are junior guard Paul Hudetz (6-1, 240), and junior tackles Scott Crooks (6-5, 240) and Dan Rosado (6-2, 240). Senior letterman Jerry Parker (6-3, 230) will step in at the other guard hole.

DEFENSE

The NIU defense should be tougher to penetrate this season, especially the front wall where all five '77 regulars are back for more head-knocking. Firing in on the line flanks are juniors Sam Boskovich (6-1, 210) and Steve Claussen (6-2, 220), with senior Rimas Kozica (6-3, 240) and sophomore Tom Cahill (6-2, 260) back at the tackles, and junior Dean Schultz (6-1, 245) hunkered down at middle guard again.

Leading the way at linebacker is junior Frank Lewandoski (6-1, 220), in on 179 tackles last season, while sophomores Jerry Barnicle (5-11, 210) and Mike Terna (6-1, 210) are competing for the other 'backer spot. Three-fourths of the secondary crew returns, featuring seniors Mark Stuart (5-9, 175) and Jackie Wilson (6-0, 190), along with sophomore Dave Petway (6-2, 200). The front runner to claim the other starting job in the deep zones is senior Kevin Kristick (6-1, 190).

SUMMARY

The Huskies have won just four games (1-10, 3-8) in their first two years under Coach Culpepper, but year number three should be a lot more enjoyable for NIU rooters. On both offense and defense, the Huskies boast great depth and experience, just the right combination to help them record a winning mark in '78 and finish in the upper echelons of the MAC.

W MICHIGAN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Illinois St	
Sep 16	N'thern Illinois	49-21
Sep 23	Miami	8-14
Sep 30	Bowling Green	14-34
Oct 7	Kent St	16-20
Oct 14	Toledo	28-7
Oct 21	E'stern Michigan	
Oct 28	Ohio	28-22
Nov 4	Marshall	53-29
Nov 11	Ball St	25-29
Nov 18	Cent Michigan	23-28

OFFENSE

Any mention of the WMU offense has to start with senior tailback Jerome Persell (5-9, 185) who zipped for 1,339 yards last season after rushing for 1,505

in '76. Sharing duties at fullback will be senior Doug Lincoln (6-0, 215) and junior Bobby Howard (5-8, 190), who garnered 423 and 399 yards, respectively, a year ago. Manning the offensive controls is junior quarterback Albert Little (6-1, 175) who passed and ran for almost 1,000 yards (983, to be exact) last season. He'll aim his aeriels again at junior split end Tim Clysdale (6-2, 190) and junior wingback Craig Frazier (6-0, 175), who teamed up for 22 receptions in '77, as well as senior tight end Stu Jones (6-4, 220).

Injuries laid low a number of offensive linemen last season, which naturally hindered the attack, but the blocking will be greatly improved if everyone stays healthy. Plugging the tackle holes again are juniors Bud Sitko (6-4, 240) and Mark Schenk (6-4, 255). At center once more is junior Dave Gigli (6-2, 220), while junior Don Leigh (6-1, 240) returns to his customary guard spot. Senior Dave Bordine (6-2, 235) and junior Bob Johnson (6-1, 230) will bang heads for the other guard hole.

DEFENSE

Coach Elliot Uzelac and his aides will have to perform extensive repairs on defense, starting right in the front wall where the only returning regular is senior end Bob Compton (6-3, 210). Seniors Gene Roger (6-3, 210) and Bob Martinez (6-1, 235), along with juniors Kevin Brogan (5-9, 195), Jim Hinkle (6-2, 205), Matt Murphy (6-2, 225) and Mark Wolfe (6-5, 235) will battle for the other vacancies in the line. But it will take time for the crew in the "pit" to develop cohesion as a unit.

Senior Jim McVay (6-4, 215) credited with 107 tackles last season, backs up one side of the line with sophomore Eric Manns (6-4, 210) slated to take over opposite him. The only really stable area on defense is the secondary, which sees the return of all four '77 regulars—seniors Morris Davenport (6-2, 190), Pat Humes (6-2, 180) and Greg Williams (5-11, 180), as well as junior George Bullock (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

The Broncos were a disappointment last season when they finished with a 4-7 log, but a reversal of that record is possible this time around if everyone stays healthy. Spearheaded by All-American prospect Persell (RB) the '78 Broncos should improve considerably on their won-lost mark, while climbing back into the first division of the MAC.

E MICHIGAN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	Nor. Mich	
Sep 9	Ohio U.	
Sep 16	Bowling Green	16-6
Sep 23	Ind. State	
*Sep 30	Toledo	17-7
Oct 14	Akron	42-28
Oct 21	W. Mich	
Oct 28	Ball State	21-45
Nov 11	Cent. Mich	3-9
Nov 18	Ill. State	41-28

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OFFENSE

The Hurons have a new grid mentor in Mike Stock, and his first undertaking will be to find a replacement for all-star quarterback Steve Raklovits. Junior Burt Beaney (6-2, 190), sophomore Earl Goodwin (6-1, 170) and freshman Scott Davis (6-4, 205) are the top aspirants at the signal calling spot, but none of them have very much experience. The pass receiving corps is studded with veterans, including junior split end Tom Parm (5-9, 170), who snagged 34 spirals last season, and senior tight end Al Chapman (6-3, 220). Senior Tony Grochowalski (6-0, 180), a '77 monogram winner, is slated to move in at the flanker spot.

The rushing attack should be EMU's strength this season, paced by junior scatback Bobby Windom (5-10, 175) who sped for 1,322 yards last fall, and junior Doug Crisan (6-3, 215) who belted for another 644 yards in '77. The offensive line should blow open some good-sized holes for the ball carriers, with seniors Rollie Hansen (6-3, 245) and Marty Kennedy (6-0, 230) returning at the guards, and junior Dave Hoover (6-3, 240) back at his old tackle hole. Junior Tim Doherty (6-2, 235) and sophomore Mike Williams (6-4, 230) are competing for the other tackle berth, while slated to man the pivot spot is junior letterman Mike Crowell (6-2, 225).

DEFENSE

The defensive unit should be grudging, especially in the front wall, where back on duty are senior end Tom Williams (6-0, 210) and Gordon Skotarczyk (6-2, 200) along with senior tackle Kevin Wilkinson (6-4, 240). Vying for the other tackle spot are juniors Jim Beining (6-3, 230) and Jon Austin (6-3, 225), with senior Rocky Jones (6-3, 235) moving in at middle guard.

The linebacking corps is also solid, and the leaders in this area are senior Larry Tiller (6-2, 215) and junior Ray Welch (6-2, 215), who combined for 234 tackles last season. Unfortunately, the secondary was hit hard by graduation, claiming among others All-American cornerback Ron Johnson. The lone returnee in the deep zones is senior Terry Thames (6-2, 180), while bidding for the other spots will be senior Mark Yearby (5-11, 185), juniors Brian Cotton (6-2, 195), Buster Johnson (6-0, 180) and Dave Smilo (6-1, 180), along with sophomore Ken Banks (6-4, 195).

SUMMARY

Year one of the Coach Mike Stock era in Huron Country should result in another winning record for EMU. But the Hurons may not be able to measure up to last year's final 8-3 log unless a reliable quarterback can be found, and the defensive secondary shapes up.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 7

Oct 21	Toledo	29-31
Oct 28	W'stern Michigan	22-28
Nov 4	Miami, O.	24-28
Nov 11	Cincinnati	26-38
Nov 18	Bowling Green	27-39
Nov 25	N'thern Illinois	6-20

OFFENSE

Providing the Bobcats uncover a replacement for quarterback Andy Vetter, their offense should pack a lethal punch. Juniors Mike Scimeca (5-11, 195) and Randy Hochberg (6-1, 190), along with sophomore Mickey Jordan (6-1, 180) are the leading candidates for the signal calling job, but between the three of them, there isn't an awful lot of experience. The pacesetter in the receiving corps is senior flanker Nigel Turpin (5-10, 180) who darted for 624 yards on 46 catches last season, while back at tight end is junior Mark Geisler (6-4, 225), who added 42 receptions in '77. Also holding over are senior John Summers (6-1, 190) and junior Randy Perkins (6-0, 185), who share duties at the split end position.

Heading up the rushing attack are junior Kevin Babcock (5-11, 200) and sophomore John Gamble (6-1, 215), a good 1-2 punch who teamed up to rush for 980 yards last season, with help from senior Rick Crisp (5-11, 200). In the offensive line interior, the leading exponents of opening holes for the attack are senior guard Bob Barrow (6-2, 245), senior tackle Steve Milano (6-1, 240) and sophomore Don Puthoff (6-3, 240), all '77 starters. Senior Mark Herzick (6-4, 250), junior Mike Douglas (6-4, 245) and sophomore Terry Cooper (6-1, 235) are lettermen vying for the two vacancies in the front wall.

DEFENSE

Injuries hurt the 'Cats on defense last season, but now that everyone's healthy again, opponents will find this unit harder to move against. Pinching in from the line flanks are senior Bill Simpson (6-1, 215) and junior Steve Groves (6-2, 225), both returning after missing last season because of injuries, while plugging one tackle hole is senior Jerry Fultz (6-2, 230), and back at middle guard is junior Steve Doe (6-1, 220). The other tackle spot will be manned by sophomore Mark Mewhorter (6-3, 235).

Pugnacious junior Tedd Lucas (5-11, 220), who got in on 134 total tackles in '77, holds forth at one linebacking spot, with senior Pat Ryan (6-2, 215) getting the starting nod opposite him. The secondary welcomes back three regulars, which will make the Bobcats hard to pass against. The returning starters are seniors Joe Callan (5-11, 180), Thee Lemon (6-1, 200) and Jim Givens (5-11, 185), with help from junior Jeff Kelch (5-10, 180) and sophomore Vince Short (5-11, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Bill Hess' Bobcats skidded to a dismal 1-10 mark last season, including an 0-6 mark against MAC foes. But sparked by a balanced offense and a defense that will be solid if injuries are avoided, Ohio U. could wipe out the bitter memory of last year by winning four to six games in '78, while climbing higher in the league standings.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5

Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	E. Mich.	6-16
Sep 23	Grand Valley	17-6
Sep 30	W. Mich.	34-14
Oct 7	Toledo	21-13
Oct 14	Kent State	14-0
Oct 21	Miami, O.	13-33
Oct 28	Cent. Mich.	28-35
Nov 4	Ball State	
Nov 11	So. Miss.	
Nov 18	Ohio U.	39-27

OFFENSE

Trying to fill the very large shoes of all-league quarterback Mark Miller, the most prolific passer in Falcon history, is junior Mike Wright (6-3, 185), still a mite "green" after seeing only limited action in '77 when he passed for 88 yards and ran for another 180. There's great strength in the pass catching corps, paced by senior flanker Jeff Groth (5-11, 175) and senior split end Willie Matthews (5-11, 170) who accounted for 39 and 35 receptions, respectively, last season. Senior Bryan Loskorn (6-2, 215) and sophomore Dave Panczyk (6-2, 215) are letter winners battling for the tight end spot, but also in the running is freshman Doug Carr (6-4, 220).

Top ground gainer Dan Saleet has picked up his sheepskin, although the rushing attack won't tail off much (if at all) with holdovers like junior Doug Wiener (6-0, 180), sophomores John Park (6-2, 220) and Dave Windatt (6-0, 215) and hot-shot newcomers like freshman Kevin Folkes (5-8, 170). The wheelhorse in the offensive line is senior center Joe Studer (6-0, 225), while flanking him at one guard is senior Kevin Kane (6-4, 225). Vying for the remaining berths in the front wall—left vacant by graduation—will be seniors Barry Clark (6-4, 230) and Russ Wells (6-5, 245), junior Bob Harris (6-6, 235), along with sophomores Gerald Howard (6-2, 225), Mike Rullo (6-2, 220) and Alvin Howard (6-2, 230).

DEFENSE

The BCU defense was far too generous last season, and Coach Denny Stolz will probably re-tool this unit, starting right in the front wall where senior middle guard Jim Mitolo (5-11, 200) is the only returnee assured of holding onto his starting job. Contesting for the assignments at the line flanks will be senior John Fitzpatrick (6-2, 200), junior Dan Gatta (6-0, 210), sophomore Tim Ross (6-4, 210) and incoming freshman Andre Young (6-2, 200), while the leading candidates at tackle are senior Ed Holmes (6-1, 220), sophomores Mark Prchlik (6-2, 215) and Craig Valentine (6-0, 220).

Backing up the line are a pair of seasoned defenders—senior Joe Guyer (6-2, 210) and junior Mike Callesen (6-2, 210)—and very little will get past this hard-hitting linebacking duo. The secondary sees the return of senior Dirk Abernathy (6-2, 190) and sophomore Joe Merritt (5-10, 170), with the other two jobs being pursued by juniors Mark

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	E'stern Michigan	14-31
Sep 23	Purdue	7-44
Sep 30	Kent State	23-44
Oct 7	Cent Michigan	14-31
Oct 14	S Carolina	

Reed (6-1, 185) and Mike Sugden (6-0, 180), along with sophomore Tony Dunklin (6-1, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Stolz is entering just his second year at BCU's grid helm, and while he'd like to see improvement on last season's 5-7 mark, that will be mighty difficult due to the loss of standouts like QB Miller. If the Falcon defense gets stronger, and the signal calling spot is adequately filled, Bowling Green could take four or five games in '78, but a winning record just doesn't seem in the offing.

TOLEDO

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6

Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Marshall	0-24
Sep 16	Minnesota	
Sep 23	Ball St	3-43
Sep 30	E'stern Michigan	7-17
Oct 7	Bowling Green	13-21
Oct 14	W Michigan	7-28
Oct 21	Ohio	31-29
Oct 28	Miami, O.	3-27
Nov 4	Cent Michigan	0-44
Nov 11	N'thern Illinois	27-9
Nov 18	Kent St	12-23

OFFENSE

The starting assignment at quarterback for the Rockets is being pursued by Frank Luketich (6-2, 180) and sophomore Kevin Gandee (6-1, 175), both letter winners in '77 as reserves, although also in the competition will be freshman import Rick Caputo (6-0, 185). Ready to latch onto any passes thrown at them are a trio of veterans who started at their respective positions last season—senior tight end Mike Sherman (6-4, 235), sophomore split end Dan Cox (5-10, 180) and sophomore flanker Harvey Klugh (5-8, 180).

Providing the bulk of what looks like a fairly potent rushing attack is junior Mike Alston (5-10, 185), who darted for 772 yards last season, with help from juniors Skip McCulley (6-0, 190) and Golan Perry (6-0, 220), plus sophomore Scott Alexander (5-10, 185). However, for the attack (running or passing) to really get untracked, major rebuilding must be done in the offensive line, where the only regular holding over is junior guard Marty Minna (6-2, 235).

DEFENSE

The defensive unit is no bed-of-roses, either, although senior flankman Joe Conroy (6-0, 210) and senior tackle Jon Gotwald (6-1, 220) return to spearhead a veteran front wall. Seniors Gerry Bodart (6-1, 210) and Ed Jefferson (6-2, 220) share the other line flanks, with sophomores Dave Simon (6-0, 220) and Keith Johnson (6-0, 205) expected to take over at tackle and nose guard, respectively.

The most seasoned returnee at line-backer is junior Doug Williams (5-11, 205), but the rest of the 'backer corps is lightly experienced. Back in the secondary are senior Ed Turner (5-11, 175) and sophomore Mike Kennedy (6-1, 180), with the other two spots up-for-grabs between seniors Irv Kennerly (5-9,

170) and Mark Sutter (5-11, 170) and a trio of freshmen imports—Tim Bursiek (5-11, 180), Xavier Brodbeck (5-9, 160) and Gary Komsa (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach Chuck Stobart's Rockets notched just two wins against nine set-backs last season, and prospects don't look a whole lot better this time around. Toledo could pull off a surprise or two before the '77 campaign is over, but that will hardly be enough for them to come close to a winning record or climb out of the MAC's second division.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Missouri	
Sep 23	Michigan	
Sep 30	Purdue	31-24
Oct 7	Michigan St	16-6
Oct 14	Pittsburgh	19-9
Oct 21	Air Force	49-0
Oct 28	Miami, (Fla.)	48-10
Nov 4	Navy	43-10
Nov 11	Tennessee	
Nov 18	Georgia Tech	69-14
Nov 24	USC	49-19

OFFENSE

Manning the offensive controls for the Fighting Irish is senior quarterback Joe Montana (6-3, 190), who tossed strikes on 99 of 189 passes last season, accounting for 1,604 yards and 11 TDs. Returning at the two wide receiving spots are senior Kris Haines (6-0, 185) and junior Dave Waymer (6-3, 185), who combined for 38 catches last season. However, graduation claimed two-time All-America tight end Ken MacAfee, and trying to fill his very large shoes are seniors Kevin Hart (6-4, 240) and Dennis Grindinger (6-6, 240), and junior Mark Czaja (6-5, 240).

The rushing attack will be built around bruising senior Jerome Heavens (6-0, 215), who belted for 994 yards last season. Lining up next to him is speedy junior Vagas Ferguson (6-1, 190), an explosive runner when he isn't injured, with junior Dave Mitchell (6-0, 200) and sophomore Jim Stone (6-1, 190) supply-

ing depth at the running backs. The leader in a big, fast offensive interior line is senior center Dave Huffman (6-5, 245), rated by many as the top pivot in college football. Flanking him at one guard is senior Ted Horansky (6-3, 245), while the other returning regular in the front wall is junior tackle Tim Foley (6-5, 260). Slated to take over at the other tackle is junior Rob Martinovich (6-5, 255), with the vacant guard spot up-for-grabs between senior Jim Hautman (6-3, 235) and sophomore Tim Huffman (6-5, 250).

DEFENSE

Graduation really put a hurting on the Fighting Irish defense, claiming All-America end Ross Browner, All-America cornerback Luther Bradley and so forth. The line flanks are very suspect with Browner and running mate Willie Fry gone, but trying to fill those holes are juniors Hardy Rayam (6-5, 240), Rob Bush (6-6, 230), Scott Zettek (6-5, 240) and Tom Vandenberg (6-4, 220). Returning at the tackles are seniors Mike Calhoun (6-5, 250) and Jeff Weston (6-4, 250), the latter a '76 regular out last year with an injury. Backstopping them at tackle are senior Jay Case (6-3, 240) and sophomore Bob Gagnon (6-4, 240).

The Irish do welcome back one true All-America, senior line-backer Bob Golic (6-4, 240), who's as mean as he is big! Adding excellent depth to the line-backing corps are seniors Steve Heimkreiter (6-2, 230) and Pete Johnson (6-4, 240), juniors Leroy Leopold (6-2, 215) and Mike Whittington (6-2, 215), along with sophomore John Hankerd (6-4, 230). Returning to head up the secondary are seniors Jim Browner (6-3, 200) and Joe Restic (6-2, 190), both '77 regulars. Battling for the other two spots in the deep zones will be seniors Tom Flynn (6-0, 180) and Jim Morse (6-0, 185), along with sophomores Rick Buehner (6-0, 180) and Dick Boushka (6-4, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach Dan Devine's Fighting Irish wound up rated No. 1 last season after demolishing Texas in the Cotton Bowl, but extending that title reign will be very, very tough. On offense, there's great balance and depth, which adds up to a powerful attack. However, the defense is bound to be weaker, the main reason the '78 Fighting Irish will have to settle for another winning season and a bowl berth, but a repeat of the national title is just too much to ask.

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- 2 New Mexico
- 3 Colorado State
- 4 San Diego State
- 5 Wyoming
- 6 Utah
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INDEPENDENTS

- 1 Utah State
- 2 Air Force



Noel Mazzone, New Mexico

Western Athletic Conference

BRIG YOUNG

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 4

Defense 7

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	Oregon St.	19-24
Sep 16	Arizona St.	13-24
Sep 23	Colorado St.	63-17
Sep 30	New Mexico	54-19
Oct 7	Utah St.	65-6
Oct 14	Oregon	
Oct 21	UTEP	
Oct 28	UN Las Vegas	
Nov 4	Wyoming	10-7
Nov 11	S. Diego St.	
Nov 18	Utah	38-8
Nov 25	Hawaii	

OFFENSE

Pulling the trigger on offense for the Cougars is strong-armed junior quarterback Marc Wilson (6-5, 200), who ranked among the national leaders last season when he completed 164 of 277 passes for 2,418 yards and 24 TDs. Wilson also set a one-game NCAA record in '77 when he passed for 571 yards in BYU's 38-8 win over Utah. Also returning is Wilson's favorite target, senior flanker Mike Chronister (6-0, 195), who scampered for 649 yards on 38 catches last season. Senior Tod Thompson (6-4, 215), who latched onto 37 passes in '77, is solid at the tight end spot, while filling the vacancy at split end is sophomore Stan Younger (6-2, 180).

The rushing attack may be off a bit following heavy graduation losses. At tailback, the leading candidates are senior Casey Wingard (6-0, 185) and sophomore Scott Phillips (6-2, 195). Fighting it out for the bucking back spot are senior Bill Ring (5-10, 205) and sophomore Scott Reber (6-2, 220). The area of the offense certain to cause Coach LaVell Edwards the most concerns is the interior line where the lone returning regular is senior center Tom Miller (6-2, 230). Lettermen in the running for the remaining berths up front are juniors Danny Hansen (6-3, 235) and Al Gaspard (6-1, 245), and sophomore Nick Eyre (6-5, 255). And the Cougars also imported some promising studs from the JUCO ranks—Andy Reid (6-3, 235), Mike Young (6-7, 260), Doug Wilkes (6-3, 240) and Randy Tidwell (6-3, 240).

DEFENSE

There's a solid nucleus of holdovers (seven regulars) on defense, starting right in the front wall, where the flanks are protected again by senior Ross Varner (6-3, 220) and junior Matt Mendenhall (6-6, 235), with support from junior Jeff Harris (6-3, 230). Both starting tackles have graduated, and lettermen taking over at those berths are senior Bob Simmerman (6-4, 240) and junior Doug Stromberg (6-2, 250).

Returning to spark the linebacking brigade are seniors Rod Wood (6-1, 220) and Larry Miller (6-5, 225), with senior Tim Enlow (6-0, 215) slated to man the

third 'backer spot. The secondary should be tough with three '77 regulars back on duty—seniors Jason Coloma (5-10, 190) and Ron Velasco (6-1, 180) and junior Bob Prested (6-0, 185). Letter winners counted on to make this area that much stronger are seniors Steve Corson (6-2, 190), Marc Swenson (6-2, 180) and John Neal (6-0, 190), along with junior Dave McKee (5-10, 170).

SUMMARY

Last year's Cougars clawed their way to a 9-2 record, and a repeat of that lofty mark this year is likely despite the graduation losses (line and running back) on offense. Led by QB Wilson, the attack will be pass-oriented and should light up the scoreboard often, while the defense will slam the door on opponents whether they pass or run. Coach Edwards' Cougars will rule the roost in the WAC this season with another banner won-lost mark—a record that should be good enough to vault BYU into the nation's top twenty.

WON 14, LOST 3
77-78 POST SEASON
Games: See page 61

NEW MEXICO

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 8

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	Hawaii	35-26
Sep 16	Wichita St.	22-17
Sep 23	Texas Tech	14-49
Sep 30	BYU	19-54
Oct 7	Wyoming	21-23
Oct 21	New Mexico St.	35-13
Oct 28	UTEP	33-17
Nov 4	Utah	
Nov 11	Colorado St.	9-14
Nov 18	Pacific	
Nov 25	San Diego St.	

OFFENSE

Piloting the Lobos' attack is senior quarterback Noel Mazzone (6-2, 205), an excellent signal caller who passed for 1,085 yards and rushed for 537 more last season. Record-setting pass catcher Preston Dennard has graduated, but back for more action are senior wide receiver Keith Ellis (6-1, 200) and junior tight end Chris Combs (6-3, 215) who teamed up for 26 catches in '77. Slated to take over at Dennard's old wide receiving spot is junior Rick Martin (6-2, 190).

When the Lobos unleash their rushing attack, the big gun will be senior Mike Williams (6-3, 215) who powered for 1,096 yards last season, the second consecutive year he cracked the 1,000-yard rushing plateau. Set to man the tailback position is sophomore Jimmy Sayers (5-10, 175), although he may ultimately lose out to heralded freshman Mike Carter, a 185-pounder with 4.4 speed in the 40. The wheelhorse in the

offensive line is all-league center Tom Ryan (6-2, 235), while also holding over in the front wall are senior guard Ron Hegge (6-0, 230), senior tackle Kevin Stark (6-1, 235) and sophomore tackle Frank Giddens (6-7, 295). Lettermen counted on for additional blocking help are senior Fred Erick (6-4, 230), juniors Rick Girou (6-3, 235) and Pat Warfield (6-3, 225), and newcomers to watch include JUCO recruits Scott Decker (6-2, 235), Lyn Wesley (6-4, 255) and James Manor (6-1, 240).

DEFENSE

Starting right in the front wall, where all four '77 regulars are back on duty, the Lobos should field a rugged defensive unit. Roaring in from the line flanks once more are juniors Charlie Baker (6-2, 210) and Daryl Bryson (6-2, 215), with senior Robert Rumbaugh (6-3, 235) and junior Mike Dickson (6-5, 235) back at their customary tackle holes. Newcomers who could make things hot for the line returnees are JUCO recruit Shirley Ray (6-5, 260) and freshman Eddie Gill (6-1, 240).

Solidly entrenched at two of the line-backing spots are senior Andy Wiczorek (6-2, 215) and junior Mike Forrest (6-2, 215), while joining them will be junior Bob Shupryt (6-1, 200) who started several games in '77. Only two regulars are back in the secondary, but one of them—senior Max Hudspeth (5-11, 180)—is an all-star prospect who plays tough defense against the pass and the run. Also holding over in the deep zones is senior Mark Koskovich (5-11, 185), with the other berths to be filled by sophomores Felix Nelson (6-1, 175) and Sharay Fields (5-8, 175).

SUMMARY

Coach Bill Mondt's Lobos finished with a 5-7 mark last season, playing a rare 12-game slate, and this year's schedule also calls for them to play an even dozen foes. And with the offensive and defensive balance of the '78 Lobos, they should up their victory total and make a spirited bid to cart off the WAC grid title.

COLO STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 7

1978 Schedule

Sep 9	Utah St.	
Sep 16	Pacific	20-3
Sep 23	BYU	17-63
Sep 30	Utah	55-3
Oct 7	UTEP	40-31
Oct 14	Air Force	
Oct 28	Wyoming	13-29
Nov 11	New Mexico	14-9
Nov 18	West Virginia	

OFFENSE

The Rams lost starting quarterback Dan Graham via graduation, and there's a wide-open battle shaping up for his old spot. Senior Gary Crowton (6-1, 180), junior Mitch Jaeger (6-0, 175) and sophomore Steve Driscoll (6-0, 175) all won

letters as back-ups in '77 giving them an edge experience-wise, but also very much in the competition are a trio of JUCO recruits—Steve Fairchild (6-1, 185), Keith Lee (6-0, 190) and Kevin Starkey (6-0, 180). Returning to pace the pass catching corps is senior wide receiver Mark R. Bell (5-9, 170), who raced under 40 spirals last season, while back at tight end is senior Mark E. Bell (6-4, 225), a powerful blocker.

As far as the rushing attack is concerned, the Rams are in pretty good shape, led by speedy sophomore Larry Jones (6-1, 185) who ambled for 790 yards in '77, junior Norris Jones (5-11, 180), sophomore Alvin Lewis (6-0, 180) and blue-chip freshman recruit Marti Wolever (6-3, 220). The elder statesmen in a solid offensive line are senior center Wade Troxell (6-2, 230), senior guard Bill Leer (6-4, 230) and senior tackle Dave Lamb (6-4, 265). Vying for the other berths up front will be senior Mike Nissly (6-0, 230), huge sophomore Bob Penaloza (6-7, 285) and JUCO imports Tom Formica (6-5, 250) and Mitch Vitkovich (6-5, 250).

DEFENSE

Bulwarking a solid CSU defense is senior tackle Mike Bell (6-5, 260), an All-America prospect who has pro scouts drooling. Senior Dennis Freeman (6-5, 250) also returns at the other tackle, but there will be a new tandem at the line flanks, to be chosen from seniors Mike Goldfeder (6-4, 220) and Dale Holcomb (6-2, 230), junior Mike Carew (6-0, 215), JUCO recruit Ted Boyd (6-5, 230) or sophomore Greg Seiger (6-2, 225).

Coach Sark Arslanian must rebuild the linebacking corps following heavy graduation losses. One 'backer spot will be manned by senior Kent Campbell (6-3, 225), a starter in '77 until felled by an injury, while competing for the other two berths will be seniors Steve Dora (6-0, 210), Eric Woody (6-1, 210) and Scott McGill (6-2, 215), junior Brent Penfold (6-2, 215) and JUCO transfers David Jurk (6-5, 225) and Scott Watson (6-3, 220). The Rams will be tough to pass against this season, with the entire secondary cast holding over—seniors Ricky Harr (5-9, 175) and Nick Howell (5-10, 180), along with juniors Dupree Branch (6-0, 185) and Chris Parise (6-2, 190).

SUMMARY

The Rams enjoyed an outstanding campaign last season when they noticed a 9-2-1 record and came within a whisker of winning the WAC title. And this time around, despite the questionable situation at quarterback which we feel time will resolve, CSU should log another fine won-lost mark in '78 and remain up among the elites of the WAC.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 3 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Iowa State	
•Sep 23	UTEP	49-7
•Oct 7	Fresno State	14-34
Oct 14	Wyoming	
•Oct 21	Pacific	29-7

•Oct 28	L. Beach State	33-22
•Nov 4	Colorado State	
Nov 11	BYU	
•Nov 18	Miami, Fla.	
•Nov 25	New Mexico	
•Dec 2	Utah	

OFFENSE

Graduation really did a number on the Aztec offense, carting off quarterback Joe Davis, record-setting runner David Turner and six other '77 regulars. First in line at the signal calling spot is sophomore Mark Halda (6-1, 190), although he'll be pushed hard by junior Chris Schaefer (6-1, 210) who red-shirted last year after moving up from the JUCO ranks. The most experienced returnee at wide receiver is senior Rick Garrettson (5-10, 185), who yanked down 11 aerials in '77, and newcomers counted on for immediate help in this area are JUCO transfers Cory Hons (5-11, 175), Lonnie Moore (6-1, 200), Maxie O'Kelley (6-0, 180), Steve Stapler (5-10, 170) and Gary Snell (6-0, 175).

Thousand-yard ground gainer Turner will be missed in the rushing attack, although his absence won't be crippling if newcomers like JUCO products Cal Ray Anderson (5-9, 180) and Farrel Mack (5-10, 215) produce as expected. The offensive line will be led by the charge of senior guards Pete Inge (6-0, 255) and Dave Katzenmeyer (6-1, 240) and senior tight ends Donnie Glenn (6-1, 220) and Donnie Warren (6-4, 230), who alternate at that position. Bidding to fill the other holes up front will be junior Kevin Fidel (6-3, 265), sophomores John Kmet (6-4, 255) and Bob Taylor (6-1, 245), along with JUCO imports John Nikos (6-2, 230), Kevin Pertulla (6-4, 255) and Brian Scudday (6-4, 240).

DEFENSE

The Aztecs return seven regulars on defense, including seniors Rickey Richardson (6-2, 235), Phil Chambliss (6-3, 265) and Kent Perkov (6-6, 265), all of whom have starting experience at the line flanks. In the middle of the three-man front wall, the nose guard spot is being pursued by JUCO recruits Jim Kentris (6-1, 230), Rich Karno (6-2, 235), Randy Mastin (6-2, 235) and Jim Wilkes (6-5, 240). Holding over at linebacker are seniors James Lamar (6-2, 215) and Ron Moorehouse (5-10, 215), with the other 'backer spots going to JUCO imports Scott Carter (6-2, 225) and Greg Schneider (6-2, 220). The secondary sees the return of senior safeties Mark Miller (5-10, 185) and Steve Jorde (6-0, 190), both veteran ball-hawks, while battling for the other spots in the deep zones will be seniors Henry Williams (5-10, 195) and Saladin Martin (6-0, 180), junior Todd Kirschner (6-1, 185) and sophomores Ruben Henderson (6-1, 185) and Joe Thomas (6-0, 175). Kirschner, Henderson and Thomas are all back after red-shirting in '77.

SUMMARY

After many years as an independent, the Aztecs will be joining the Western Athletic Conference this year, which first of all means Coach Claude Gilbert's gridders will be facing a beefed-up schedule. Spearheaded by a rugged defense, and an offensive unit that should be dangerous despite graduation

losses, the Aztecs seem capable of winning enough games in '78 to approach last year's banner 10-1 mark while making a determined run to start off on the right foot in the WAC with a title.

WYOMING

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	South Dakota	
Sep 23	Texas	
Sep 30	Utah St	31-32
Oct 7	New Mexico St	
Oct 14	San Diego St	
Oct 21	Utah	13-23
Oct 28	Colorado St	29-13
Nov 4	BYU	7-10
Nov 11	UNLV	
Nov 18	Hawaii	
Nov 25	UTEP	27-27
Dec 2	LSU	7-66

OFFENSE

Coach Bill Lewis enjoys the luxury of two veteran quarterbacks, senior Marc Cousins (6-0, 185) and Don Clayton (5-10, 180). Cousins should nail down the starting job if he can avoid the nagging injuries that hampered him last season, although Clayton is no slouch after passing and running for 758 yards in '77. The pass receiving corps was struck hard by graduation, and bidding to man the two wideouts are seniors LeFran Simmons (5-11, 180) and John Arnold (5-9, 175), sophomore Ken Lett (5-8, 165) and JUCO recruits Adonis Jones (6-0, 185) and Dan Pitman (6-1, 185). Filling the tight end berth will be converted tackle Vic Baginski, a 230-pound junior.

The undisputed leader in the rushing attack is elusive senior Myron Hardeman (5-9, 180) who romped for 1,165 yards in '77, while other accomplished ball toters back in camp are senior Latraia Jones (5-10, 175) and sophomore Tony Caldwell (6-2, 195). The offensive line will surely undergo some major changes, since the only holdover in the trenches is senior tackle Johnny Miller (6-3, 255). Banging heads for the right to man the other spots up front are senior Keith Mills (6-4, 240), junior Marshall Patton (6-4, 235), sophomores Tom Dragt (6-3, 225), Stan Bojakowski (6-3, 230) and John Patton (6-3, 230), along with JUCO imports Pat Brown (6-0, 225), Leigh Mitchell (6-2, 235) and Dan Price (6-3, 235).

DEFENSE

There're signs of improvement on defense for the Cowboys, with seven regulars holding over. In the line, senior Mike Webb (6-4, 260) and junior Pat Ogrin (6-4, 240) are seasoned tackles, while back at middle guard is senior Greg Chytka (6-4, 230). Battling for starting roles at the line flanks are junior Helmut Wise (6-0, 205) and a trio of JUCO imports who can play either end or tackle—Nate Streater (6-3, 240), Don Jessie (6-3, 240) and Ken Miller (6-2, 225).

All-WAC selection Ken Fantetti, a 230-pound senior, backs up one side of the line, with junior Leroy Garner (6-2, 220) stationed opposite him. In the secondary, back on duty are senior Jay

Schaaque (6-0, 185), and juniors Jerry Eure (5-10, 185) and Saunders Montague (6-0, 165), all '77 regulars, along with seniors Marty Jackson (6-0, 175) and Sam Steinmark (5-9, 170) and junior Chris Mullen (5-11, 175). JUCO imports certain to challenge for starting berths in the deep zones will be Mike Dennis (5-11, 180), Reggie Elmore (5-11, 175), Rickey Bussey (6-0, 180), Kenneth Jones (6-0, 175), Derrin Jenkins (6-1, 190) and Al Lockhart (6-1, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach Lewis' first edition of Cowboys slipped back in the WAC standings last season with a 4-6-1 mark after winning the league title the previous year under ex-skipper (and present Texas mentor) Fred Akers. This time around, the Pokes have the overall strength to climb back above the .500 plateau again, but a rugged schedule will probably prevent them from showing a major improvement in the won-lost department in '78.

UTAH

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 9

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Idaho St	
Sep 23	Houston	16-34
Sep 30	Colorado St	3-55
Oct 7	Iowa	
Oct 14	Weber St	
Oct 21	Wyoming	23-13
Nov 4	New Mexico	
Nov 11	UTEP	29-17
Nov 18	BYU	8-38
Nov 25	Utah St	20-0
Dec 2	San Diego St	

OFFENSE

The Utes always seem to come up with outstanding passers at the quarterbacking slot, and the latest is senior Randy Gomez (5-9, 180) who bombed enemy defenses for 2,015 yards (130-315 completions) and 10 TDs last season. Top '77 pass catcher and all-leaguer Jack Steptoe has departed via graduation, although returning are senior flanker Frank Henry (5-11, 180) and senior tight end Gordon Kunz (6-4, 215) who caught 40 and 22 passes, respectively, a year ago. Junior Corey Hansen (6-1, 175) and JUCO transfer Jerry Everett (5-10, 170) will vie for Steptoe's old split end spot.

Headlining the rushing attack is sophomore Tony Lindsay (5-8, 175), who dashed for a team-high 467 yards in '77, with additional ball toting punch to be supplied by senior Mike Moseley (5-11, 205), out most of last season because of an injury, JUCO import Mel Fields (6-1, 185) and freshman Del Rodgers (5-10, 200). Returning to lead the charge of the offensive line are senior tackle Rod Besler (6-5, 255) and junior tackle Rich Ayres (6-3, 245), as well as senior guard Tom Krebs (6-4, 240). Those in line for the other spots in the front wall are sophomores Elwin Worobec (6-4, 240) and Dean Miraldi (6-5, 240), both red-shirted in '77, and JUCO products Tim Davis (6-6, 245) and Denny Wagner (6-2, 240).

DEFENSE

Nine regulars are holding over on defense for the Utes, including four members of the five-man front wall—senior tackle Mike Kinsella (6-5, 230), senior middle guard Mike Sobolewski (6-1, 235), senior end Guy Morrell (6-3, 210) and sophomore end Dan Stewart (6-2, 215). JUCO recruit Jeff Lyall (6-1, 230) figures to occupy the other tackle spot, although highly regarded freshman Steve Clark (6-5, 240) will have something to say about that.

Returning to wreak more havoc on enemy ball carriers are senior Mike Bailey (6-2, 215) and sophomore Rich Umphrey (6-4, 220), a pair of hard-hitting linebackers. Heading up the secondary, where three regulars are back, is senior Derek Washington (6-0, 180), helped out by sophomores Derek Daniels (6-0, 175) and Jeff Griffin (6-0, 185), senior Phil White (5-11, 180) and freshman import Charles Reid (6-0, 175).

SUMMARY

The Utes finished only 3-8 last year, their first under Coach Wayne Howard, but figure to notch a few extra wins this time out. Sparked by an explosive, pass-happy offense and a defense that should improve with so many veterans and touted newcomers on hand, Utah is capable of winning four or five games in '78, while moving up a slot or two in the WAC standings.

TEXAS-EL PASO

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5

Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	N Texas St	10-41
Sep 9	Air Force	
Sep 16	New Mexico St	23-21
Sep 23	San Diego St	7-49
Sep 30	Arizona St	3-66
Oct 7	Colorado St	31-40
Oct 14	UNLV	
Oct 21	BYU	
Oct 28	New Mexico	17-33
Nov 4	Hawaii	
Nov 11	Utah	17-29
Nov 25	Wyoming	17-27

OFFENSE

The Miners boast one of the premier quarterbacks in the WAC, senior Oscar Ramirez (6-2, 200) who passed for 1,252 yards and 13 TDs a year ago. UTEP also has an excellent pass catcher in junior split end Bubba Garcia (6-1, 190) who ranked among the national leaders in '77 when he latched onto 53 aeriels, which he carried for 826 yards and nine TDs. Also returning is senior flanker Harold Johnson (5-11, 175), while bidding to take over at tight end are senior Mike Bowerman (6-4, 215), plus sophomores Derrick Cloman (6-5, 215) and Frank Jarzombek (6-3, 215).

Top ground gainer Robert Elliott (1,011 yards in '77) has departed via graduation, and returnees counted on to pick up the slack in the rushing game are senior Ray Holt (6-0, 180), juniors Willie Neal (6-0, 200), Ron Bachofer (6-0, 190) and Gordon Kirk (6-0, 195) and sophomore Homer Thompson (6-1, 195). Graduation also left some big holes in

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the offensive line, where the only hold-over is senior center Leonard Hill (6-3, 235). Lettermen expected to help fill the holes up front are senior Rick Putnicki (6-1, 230) and junior Art Bracken (6-2, 245), senior Steve Marshall (6-1, 250), along with sophomore red-shirt Mike Sanders (6-2, 245) and a pair of twin brothers recruited from the JUCO ranks—Rick (6-1, 230) and Rod (6-1, 230) Miller.

DEFENSE

UTEP's defensive unit gave up points and yardage at a staggering rate last season, and prospects for the coming campaign don't seem much better. In the front wall, where the Miners employ a three-man set-up, returning at middle guard is senior Mike Young (6-1, 235), while vying for the two vacancies at tackle are senior Larry Green (6-0, 235), junior John Singleton (6-7, 240) and incoming freshman Dennis Daulton (6-2, 240) and Steve Hayes (6-1, 255).

There's a veteran nucleus returning to set the tempo at linebacker in the persons of seniors Elroy Stoglin (6-4, 220) and Rod Greene (6-3, 210), with sophomores Darrell Sneed (6-2, 215) and Fred Moody (6-2, 210) hoping to claim the other 'backer spots. In the secondary, back on duty are senior Bobby Duncan (5-11, 185), juniors Curt Stevenson (5-8, 160) and Eddie Forkerway (6-0, 185), while vying for the fourth spot are junior Eddie Lozano (5-11, 175) and sophomore Melvin Pope (6-0, 180).

SUMMARY

Last year, in their first campaign under Coach Bill Michael, the Miners won just one game against 10 losses, but this time around they could show some improvement. The offense is going to throw the ball a lot, especially with top rusher Elliott missing, while on defense the Miners should be tougher against both the run and the pass. UTEP could win a few additional games in '78, but for Coach Michael, the rebuilding must continue before the Miners will pose a real title threat in the WAC.

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UTAH STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 3	Idaho St	35-7
Sep 16	Colorado St	
Sep 23	Fresno St	
Sep 30	Wyoming	32-31
Oct 7	BYU	6-65
Oct 14	Long Beach State	16-23
Oct 21	Miami	
Oct 28	San Jose St	22-10
Nov 4	Pacific	
Nov 11	Weber St	23-14
Nov 25	Utah	0-20

OFFENSE

Piloting the Aggie attack is junior quarterback Eric Hipple (6-2, 185), who

hit on 91 of 173 passes last season, accounting for 1,301 yards and 10 touchdowns via the air lanes. Running underneath his spirals again is senior flanker Jimmy Bryant (5-11, 180), who caught 41 aeriels for 561 yards and six TDs in '77. Also returning is senior split end Ron Cassidy (6-0, 185), a starter last season when he snagged 24 passes, while moving in at tight end is senior John Thompson (6-3, 220).

Spearheading the rushing attack is junior tailback Rick Parros (5-11, 190), who hurtled for 1,135 yards last season. Stationed again at the fullback spot is senior Gary Wolz (6-2, 215). Supplying the necessary blocking to make the attack click is a solid offensive interior line, where a trio of '77 regulars are back on duty—senior guard Ernie Aalona (6-1, 240), senior tackle Kevin Powell (6-5, 255) and sophomore tackle Jim O'Rourke (6-5, 250). The other two jobs up front will probably go to seniors Dan Jackovich (6-7, 250) and James Shorty (6-2, 240).

DEFENSE

There's a good nucleus of veterans holding over on defense, starting right in the three-man front wall, where back to plug the tackle holes are senior Joe Wills (6-4, 240) and junior Rulon Jones (6-7, 255). Also returning up front are senior Ron Truitt (6-3, 225) and junior Kelly Kirwan (6-2, 230), who alternate at the middle guard position.

The Aggies welcome back half of their four-man linebacker corps—seniors Dave Spiker (6-3, 225) and Will Withers (6-3, 225). Vying for the other two 'backer spots are seniors Dave Tyler (6-2, 210) and Greg Fultcher (6-1, 210), and junior Edwood Threlfall (6-0, 215). In the secondary, the leaders are seniors Ron McCloud (5-8, 180), Dave Parkin (6-0, 190) and Scott Tillotson (6-0, 185), all returning regulars.

SUMMARY

The Utags came under the wire with a 4-7 record last season, but Coach Bruce Snyder is confident his charges will add a few extra digits in the win column this year. Which the '78 Aggies should be able to do by hustling to five or six wins.

Don't pay
in July and pray
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AIR FORCE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	UTEP	
Sep 16	Boston Coll	14-36
Sep 23	Holy Cross	
Sep 30	Kansas St.	
Oct 7	Navy	7-10

Oct 14	Colo State	
Oct 21	Notre Dame	
Oct 28	Kent State	0-49
Nov 4	Army	6-31
Nov 11	Ga Tech	3-30
Nov 18	Vanderbilt	

OFFENSE

After twenty years under the direction of Ben Martin, who retired at the end of last season, the Falcons have a new grid mentor in ex-Texas Tech aide Bill Parcells. And the rookie skipper inherits a solid quarterback, junior Dave Ziebart (6-2, 190) who rifled strikes on 140 of 298 passes, good for 1,562 yards and eight TDs last year. Running under his tosses again will be senior flanker Steve Hoog (6-0, 185) and senior tight end Scott Jensen (6-4, 220), who caught 29 and 16 passes, respectively, in '77. Speedy junior Willie Jones (6-2, 180), who snared 14 aeriels as No. 2 flanker last season, will shift to fill the split end spot.

The Falcons have all kinds of question marks at the running back positions, where the foremost holdovers are juniors Shelby Ball (5-11, 185) and Steve Drewnoski (5-11, 205), neither of whom set the world on fire as ball toters in the past. The offensive interior line has a good wheelhorse in senior center Gerry Smith (6-2, 235), but pickings are pretty lean after that. Lettermen expected to fill the other berths in the front wall are seniors Chuck McCausland (6-2, 240) and Larry Hoffman (6-4, 240), juniors Mike Coddington (6-3, 240) and Pat Meagher (6-3, 240).

DEFENSE

Graduation sent six '77 defensive regulars packing, but the Falcons do have one heckuva returnee in senior linebacker Tom Foertsch (6-0, 210) who set a school record last season when he helped put the stop on 184 enemy ball carriers. Vying for the other 'backer spots are senior Mark Cerise (6-2, 215), juniors Bill Becker (6-2, 210) and Eric Nelson (6-1, 210) and sophomores Tod Anderson (6-1, 215) and Bill Snow (6-0, 200).

Up front in the first-line-of-resistance, the leaders are senior tackle Bill Travnick (5-10, 235) and his running mate on the other side, junior Ryan Williams (6-3, 240). Getting first crack at the two flank positions will be senior Tim Fyda (6-1, 210), a regular at middle guard in '77, and junior Mike Malkovich (6-0, 210). Setting the pace in the secondary are senior Tim Hoy (5-9, 180) and junior Robert Chandler (6-0, 180), both returning regulars, with the other spots going to letter winning seniors Dale Reed (5-11, 175) and Ron Pointer (6-2, 190).

SUMMARY

The Falcons have toned down their schedule this year, which could help them blot out the memory of last season's 2-8-1 record, paced by a passing attack on offense that should be really prolific. But the situation at running back and on defense is somewhat questionable, which means if the '78 Falcons and first-year coach Parcells do show improvement, it won't be all that much—like maybe four or five wins if the ball takes some bounces in their favor.

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CLEMSON

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8

Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Citadel	
Sep 23	Georgia	7-6
Sep 30	Villanova	
Oct 7	Va. Tech	31-13
Oct 14	Virginia	31-0
Oct 21	Duke	17-11
Oct 28	N. C. State	7-3
Nov 4	Wake For.	26-0
Nov 11	North Car.	13-13
Nov 18	Maryland	14-21
Nov 25	South Car.	31-27

OFFENSE

Setting the attack in motion for the Tigers is senior quarterback Steve Fuller (6-4, 200), who was selected the ACC's player-of-the-year in '77 when he passed for 1,665 yards (106 of 205 completions) and eight TDs. Returning to pace the receiving corps is fleet-footed senior split end Jerry Butler (6-1, 185), who carried 47 passes for 824 yards last season. And opponents won't be able to double-up on Butler, because also returning are senior flanker Dwight Clark (6-3, 200) and junior tight end Anthony King (6-1, 230).

The "main man" in the rushing attack is senior tailback Warren Ratchford (5-9, 165), who zipped for 616 yards last season, with support from junior Lester Brown (6-0, 175) who rushed for 437 yards in '77. Juniors Marvin Sims (6-4, 220) and Tracy Perry (6-0, 225) are fighting it out for the starting nod at fullback. The offensive interior line returns three '77 regulars, and the best of the blockers is senior guard Joe Bostic (6-3, 250). Junior Jeff Bostic (6-1, 230), Joe's younger brother, is back at center and once more anchored at the other guard is senior Steve Kinney (6-4, 245). The two vacant tackle spots are under the scrutiny of seniors Ron West (6-3, 240) and Billy Hudson (6-4, 245), and juniors Chris Dolce (6-2, 240) and Darrell Misenheimer (6-2, 255).

DEFENSE

The Tigers boast a tough, experienced defense, built around seven returning regulars. In the front wall, firing in from one flank again is senior Johnathan Brooks (6-2, 210), while also back at their customary spots are senior middle guard Rich Tuten (6-1, 230) and junior tackle Jim Stuckey (6-5, 245). Seniors Jeff Mills (6-2, 235) and Toney Williams (6-3, 250) are the front runners to man the other tackle, with the vacant flank spot up-for-grabs between senior Steve Gibbs (6-3, 210), junior Bob Goldberg (6-1, 210), sophomores Billy Smith (6-5, 215) and Steve Durham (6-4, 215).

Senior All-America candidate Randy Scott (5-11, 215) bulwarks the linebacking corps, with capable assistance from

senior Jeff Soowal (6-2, 215), and juniors Jim Goehring (6-1, 220) and Matt Smith (5-10, 215). Back at their old spots in the secondary are senior Steve Ryan (6-0, 180) and junior Rex Varn (6-1, 180), a ball-hawking duo that combined for nine interceptions last season. Vying for the other two deep posts are seniors Willie Jordan (5-10, 185), Ogden Hansford (6-2, 195) and Bubba Rollins (5-11, 190), and sophomore Ed Geathers (6-1, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach Charley Pell's Tigers are coming off a banner 8-3-1 season that included a loss (34-3) to Pittsburgh in the Gator Bowl. And with so much talent at his disposal again this year, Coach Pell will lead the Tigers to the top of the ACC with another outstanding record which will also help them lock up their second consecutive bowl bid.

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N CAROLINA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	East Carolina	
Sep 23	Maryland	16-7
Sep 30	Pittsburgh	
Oct 7	Miami, (O)	
Oct 14	Wake Forest	24-3
Oct 21	N C State	27-14
Oct 28	So Carolina	17-0
Nov 4	Richmond	31-0
Nov 11	Clemson	13-13
Nov 18	Virginia	35-14
Nov 25	Duke	16-3

OFFENSE

Piloting a volatile and balanced attack is junior Matt Kupec (6-0, 185), who launched 105 passes last season, completing 59 of them for 715 yards and seven TDs. Graduation dealt the pass catching corps a harsh blow, and rebuilding this area is essential if the aerial attack is to continue to be prolific. At the two wide receiving berths, the leading candidates are seniors Carey Casey (6-1, 190) and Jim Rouse (6-2, 190), along with juniors Del Powell (5-10, 185) and Wayne Tucker (6-2, 190). Battling for the right to start at tight end are juniors Mike Chatham (6-2, 210), Kenny Rogers (6-4, 240) and Rick Vanhoy (6-4, 225), and sophomore Jimmy Roberson (6-4, 235).

The rushing attack will be built around explosive sophomore Amos Lawrence (5-10, 185), who missed one game with an injury last season but still rushed for 1,211 yards. Lawrence will start at tailback, with support from juniors Phil Farris (6-1, 190) and Doug Paschal (6-2, 200). Alternating at the fullback spot again are senior Bob Loomis

(6-3, 220) and junior Billy Johnson (6-0, 230). Four big reasons the Tar Heel attack figures to be potent are a quartet of powerful blockers returning to their customary berths in the offensive interior line—senior guards Mike Salzano (6-3, 240) and John Rushing (6-3, 245), senior tackle Bob Hukill (6-4, 250) and junior tackle Steve Junkmann (6-5, 250). Taking over at the vacant center spot is sophomore Rick Donnalley (6-3, 235).

DEFENSE

The Tar Heels led the nation in scoring defense last season, giving up only 7.4 points-a-game, and they'll be just as stingy this year with seven regulars holding over. In the line, the flanks are capably protected again by senior Ken Sheets (6-2, 225) and T.K. McDaniels (6-3, 230), while hunkered down at the nose guard spot once more is senior Dave Simmons (6-3, 230). Both '77 tackle regulars (All-America Dee Hardison and Rod Broadway) have graduated, and taking over at their old berths are senior Bunn Rhames (6-3, 240) and sophomore Don Thompson (6-4, 255).

Belting enemy runners from his customary linebacking spot is junior Buddy Curry (6-2, 225). Vying for the other 'backer position are senior Larry Tedder (6-0, 210), juniors Paul Davis (6-1, 215), Steve Taylor (6-1, 215) and Harry Stanback (6-3, 230) and sophomore Rick Downs (6-3, 215). The secondary is as strong as the other areas of the defense, returning three players who started last year—seniors Bobby Cale (6-1, 185) and Bernie Menapace (6-0, 190), along with junior Ricky Barden (5-9, 175). Battling for the fourth starting spot in this area are seniors Fran Winters (6-1, 185) and Steve Streater (6-0, 175).

SUMMARY

First and foremost, the Tar Heels have a new head coach in Dick Crum, who inherits most of the key ingredients from last season's 8-3-1 team. The '78 'Heels boast great depth and talent on both offense and defense, a combination that adds up to another winning record and a strong bid to annex another ACC title.

DUKE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5

Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Georgia Tech	25-24
Sep 23	South Car.	25-21
Sep 30	Michigan	9-21
Oct 7	Virginia	31-7
Oct 14	Navy	28-16
Oct 21	Clemson	11-17
Oct 28	Maryland	13-31
Nov 4	Tennessee	
Nov 11	Wake For.	38-14
Nov 18	N.C. St.	32-37
Nov 25	Nor. Car.	3-16

OFFENSE

Running the offensive show for the

Blue Devils is senior quarterback Mike Dunn (6-4, 190), an all-star candidate who passed for 1,239 yards (102 of 191 completions) and ran for 576 more last season. Dunn has a good target for his aerials in senior split end Jeff Comer (6-1, 175) who latched onto 15 tosses in '77, while back at tight end is king-sized junior Joel Patten (6-7, 240) who blocks like an interior lineman. Bidding for the flanker spot are junior Derrick Lewis (6-0, 180) and sophomore John Brinkman (6-3, 190).

In addition to QB Dunn's running antics, the Blue Devils also boast capable ball carriers in sophomore Stanley Broadie (6-4, 220), who smashed for 579 yards last season, and junior Ned Conet (6-1, 215) who belted for 312 more. Broadie and Conet will alternate at fullback, while bidding for the tailback slot are senior Mike Addesa (5-10, 195) and junior Greg Rhett (5-11, 180). In order for the attack to really be explosive, Coach Mike McGee will have to patch up the interior line where the only holdovers are senior guard Tom Luongo (6-1, 240) and junior center Kevin Kelly (6-3, 235). Slated to fill the remaining holes up front are seniors Tim Brazill (6-2, 235) and Ken Staudinger (6-4, 240), and junior Bob Riordan (6-3, 235).

DEFENSE

Coach McGee also has his work cut out for him over on the defensive side, starting right in the front wall, where the only returning regulars are senior end Derrick Mashore (6-0, 210) and junior middle guard Andy Schoenhof (6-2, 235). Juniors Scott Hamilton (6-4, 245) and Tim Cadigan (6-2, 240) will get first crack at the tackles, while junior Greg Pritchard (6-2, 235) can help out at several positions up front.

Actually, not all areas of the defense need work because, at linebacker, the Iron Dukes boast a pair of real standouts in seniors Carl McGee (6-3, 225), a two-time all-ACC pick, and Bill King (6-2, 220). In the secondary, there's a quartet of veterans back on duty in seniors Dan Brooks (6-0, 190) and Rick Sommers (5-11, 185), junior George Gaudin (6-0, 190) and sophomore Gary Garstkiewicz (6-3, 190).

SUMMARY

It's too bad the Blue Devils don't have a few more standouts like QB Dunn and LBs McGee and King. Because if they did, Duke could improve on last year's 5-6 mark. But there just isn't enough overall depth on offense or defense for that to occur, and it wouldn't be at all surprising to see the '78 Iron Dukes log the same won-lost mark all over again.

NC STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	East Carolina	23-28
Sep 16	Syracuse	38-0
Sep 23	West Virginia	
Sep 30	Wake Forest	41-14
Oct 7	Maryland	24-20
Oct 21	No Carolina	14-27
Oct 28	Clemson	3-7

Nov 4	So Carolina	7-3
Nov 11	Penn State	17-21
Nov 18	Duke	37-32
Nov 25	Virginia	14-0

OFFENSE

Coach Bo Rein faces the unenviable task of coming up with a replacement for versatile quarterback Johnny Evans, who ran the Wolfpack offense so well the past two years. Junior John Isley (6-5, 210) and Scott Smith (6-1, 185) are the early leaders in the signal calling derby, but also very much in the running are sophomore Todd Baker (6-2, 185) and JUCO import Rob Wheat (5-10, 180). Another tough assignment confronting Coach Rein is rebuilding the pass catching corps, decimated by graduation, although sophomores Lin Dawson (6-3, 220) and Jerry Browne (6-2, 225) have good potential at tight end. Competing for the flanker and split end berths are seniors Buster Ray (5-9, 185) and Randy Hall (6-0, 175), along with junior Lee Jukes (6-0, 185), all of whom lettered as back-ups in '77.

Without question, the top honcho in the rushing attack is All-American Ted Brown (5-10, 190) who rocketed for 1,251 yards last season, his second consecutive 1,000-plus rushing year. Other returnees certain to add some wallop to the ground game are junior Billy Ray Vickers (5-11, 200), who bolted for 726 yards in '77 and senior Rickey Adams (6-1, 210). The offensive line returns intact, which means plenty of blocking muscle once the quarterbacking situation gets settled. Manning the tackle holes are senior Frank Hitt (6-3, 245) and junior Chris Dieterich (6-3, 250), with support from sophomore Ricky Olive (6-5, 250), while back at the guards are senior Tom Gillespie (6-3, 240) and junior Chuck Stone (6-2, 250). The wheelhorse up front is junior center Jim Richter (6-3, 235), one of the best pivots in college football.

DEFENSE

The only area of the Wolfpack defense that needs major repair is the secondary, where the sole holdover is junior Woody Wilson (5-9, 185). Fighting to man the other three deep spots are senior Larry Eberheart (5-10, 185), juniors Mike Nall (6-1, 170) and Eddie Jackson (5-9, 185), along with sophomores Donnie LeGrande (5-10, 175), Ronnie Lee (5-10, 175) and Ralph Sandello (6-1, 185). At linebacker, prospects are a lot brighter, made so by the return of senior headhunters Bill Cowher (6-2, 220) and Kyle Wescoe (6-0, 225). Provided he's recovered from an injury that sidelined him in '77, the front wall will be bulwarked by sophomore tackle Bubba Green (6-5, 270). Set at the other tackle is junior Simon Gupton (6-1, 250), with seniors Joe Hannah (6-2, 215) and Jon Hall (6-3, 215) and junior Marion Gale (5-11, 190) all experienced flankmen. Stepping in at middle guard is junior John Stanton (5-11, 225).

SUMMARY

Coach Rein has built the Wolfpack back into an ACC power after a couple of "off-years," and despite the loss of quarterback Evans, NC State will come close to matching last season's 8-4 record that included a 24-14 win over Iowa State

in the Peach Bowl. Call it six to eight wins for the 'Pack in '78, and even more if a strong quarterback emerges.

MARYLAND

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Tulane	
Sep 16	Louisville	
Sep 23	No Carolina	7-16
Sep 30	Kentucky	
Oct 7	No Carolina St	20-24
Oct 14	Syracuse	24-10
Oct 21	Wake Forest	35-7
Oct 28	Duke	31-13
Nov 4	Penn State	9-27
Nov 11	Virginia	28-0
Nov 18	Clemson	21-14

OFFENSE

Graduation carried off 1-2 quarterbacks, Larry Dick and Mark Manges, and finding a new signal caller looms as the key to a successful attack. Getting first crack at the QB spot is senior Tim O'Hare (6-2, 190), who saw limited action last season as No. 3 man. Close on his heels are sophomore Dave McAfee (6-4, 200) and freshman Brent Dewitz (6-1, 190). The pass receiving corps sees the return of senior wingback Dean Richards (5-10, 185) and junior tight end Eric Sievers (6-4, 220), both regulars in '77 when they combined for 39 catches. Senior Don Dotter (6-2, 190) will take over at split end.

While the passing attack may be suspect because of the question mark at quarterback, the rushing game looks very strong. Showing the way for the ball toters is bruising junior fullback George Scott (6-2, 215), who smashed for 894 yards last season, with support at that position from senior Mickey Dudish (6-1, 210). At tailback, seniors Steve Atkins (6-1, 200) and Alvin Maddox (5-11, 195) will alternate after combining to rush for 922 yards last year. Spearheading the blocking charge of the offensive line are a trio of returning regulars—senior guard, Glenn Cunningham (6-1, 240), senior tackle Jim Ulam (6-4, 235) and junior tackle Larry Stewart (6-5, 260). Juniors Paul Glamp (6-3, 240) and Kervin Wyatt (6-3, 235), both '76 regulars sidelined by injuries last season, return to add strength up front, and also helping are senior Mike Simon (6-3, 230) and sophomore Bruce Byrom (6-3, 230).

DEFENSE

With seven regulars back on defense, Coach Jerry Claiborne is optimistic this unit will hold opponents in check while the offense shapes up. The Terps employ a six-man front wall, and returning in the line are senior tackle Charlie Johnson (6-2, 245), junior tackle Ed Gall (6-5, 240), senior guard Bruce Palmer (6-3, 235) and junior end Jim Shaffer (6-1, 215). Stepping in at the vacant guard hole is junior Marlin Van Horn (6-2, 235), with senior Joe Muffler (6-0, 210) slated to man the other flank spot.

All-America linebacker Brad Carr has graduated, but returning to pace the 'backer corps is hard-hitting senior Neal

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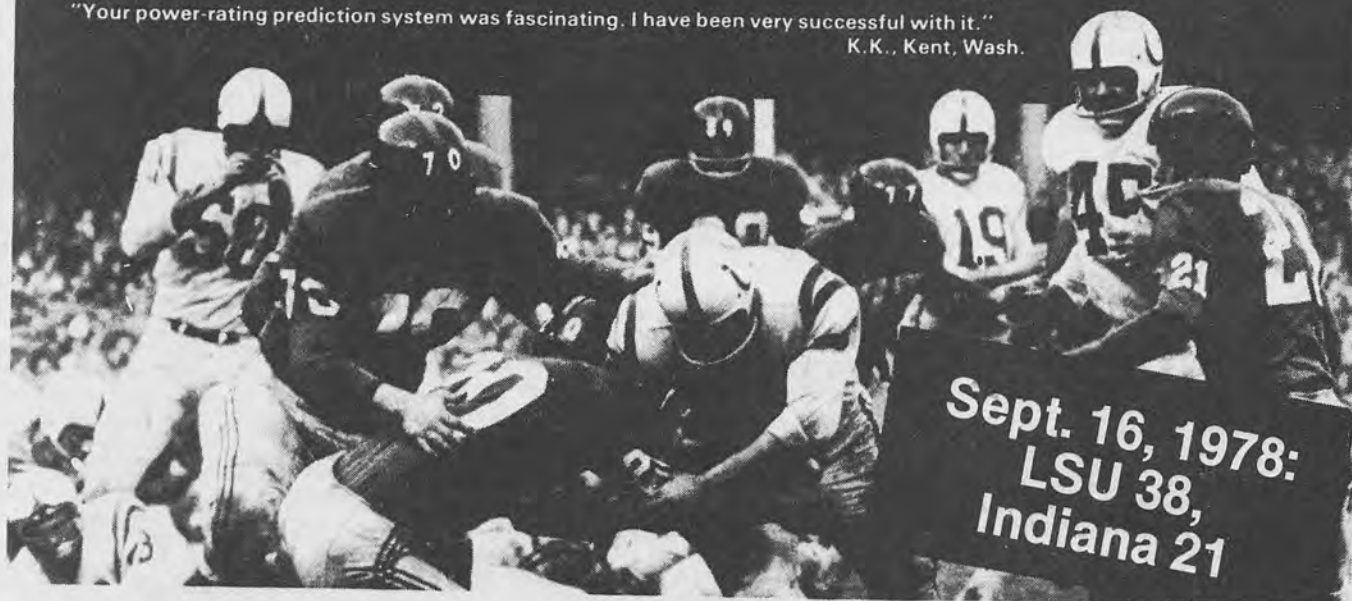
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Olkewicz (6-0, 220). The best bet to take over at the other linebacking spot is junior Brian Matera (6-3, 225). In the secondary, the holdover regulars are juniors Lloyd Burruss (6-1, 190) and Chris Ward (6-2, 185), with sophomore Ralph Lary (6-3, 190) hoping to occupy the third spot in the deep zones.

SUMMARY

The Terps finished 8-4 last season, counting their Hall-of-Fame bowl win over Minnesota, but the victories will come a little harder this year. The obvious reason for this is the troublesome situation at quarterback, and while the '78 Terps will finish again with a winning record, they'll be lucky to win six games.

VIRGINIA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 9

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Wake Forest	12-10
Sep 16	Navy	
Sep 23	Army	
Sep 30	VMI	6-30
Oct 7	Duke	7-31
Oct 14	Clemson	0-31
Oct 21	Virginia Tech	14-14
Nov 4	W Virginia	0-13
Nov 11	Maryland	0-28
Nov 18	No Carolina	14-35
Nov 25	No Carolina St	0-14

OFFENSE

The Cavaliers have gone to a Veer formation which requires a quarterback with good running ability, something returning senior Chip Mark (6-3, 195) is not noted for. And that's the reason he's lost the starting job to gutsy sophomore Mickey Spady (5-11, 185), who made his biggest contribution last season as a kick returner. The top honcho in the receiving brigade is senior split end Jim Theiling (6-0, 185), who hauled down 16 aeriels in '77. Junior Mike Newhall (6-2, 220), an all-ACC prospect, returns at tight end, while also holding over at flanker is senior Tom Champlin (5-11, 180).

When you talk about the Cavs' rushing attack, you talk about a corps of youthful ball toters headed by sophomores Tom Vigorito (6-0, 195), Mark Sanford (6-2, 210) and Greg Taylor (5-10, 185). Vigorito is a slashing runner with good promise who came on strong at the end of last season when he rushed for 326 yards. The offensive interior line is buoyed by three returning starters—senior guard Eddie Smith (6-2, 230), senior tackle Ric Zimmerman (6-2, 240) and junior tackle Jeff Morrow (6-3, 250). Stepping in at the other guard is senior Al Alvarez (6-2, 235), while the new center will be sophomore Joe Bock (6-2, 230).

DEFENSE

The Cavs were weak on defense last season, to say the least. But the stop troops should be tougher to push around with nine battle-tested regulars back on duty. One area expected to be extremely tough is the front wall, where all five '77 starters return—junior ends Bill Bridges (6-2, 210) and Steve Potter (6-

3, 220), tackles Lee Browning (6-2, 230), a senior, and junior Grant Hudson (6-5, 245), along with sophomore middle guard Mike Budd (6-1, 230).

Holding forth at the linebacking spots are junior Bryan Coleman (6-1, 210) and sophomore Ken Newsome (6-2, 215). The top reserve 'backer is sophomore Mark LaNeve (6-1, 215), who saw extensive duty in '77 when Coleman was sidelined by injury. Pacing the secondary crew are senior cornerback Derrick Glasper (6-1, 185) and junior Tony Blount (6-1, 200), a linebacker last season switched to strong safety this year. Lettermen battling for the other two spots deep are senior Drew Schuett (5-11, 190), sophomores Quentin Murray (6-4, 215) and Bryan Shumock (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach Dick Bestwick's Cavs notched but a single win last season (1-9-1), but prospects for this year look brighter. Well, not that much "brighter" because the '78 Cavs will be lucky to win two or three games, although it should be enough for them to climb (at long last!) out of the ACC basement.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Virginia	10-12
Sep 16	Va. Tech	10-28
Sep 23	LSU	
Sep 30	NC. State	14-41
Oct 7	Purdue	17-26
Oct 14	North Car.	3-24
Oct 21	Maryland	7-35
Oct 28	Auburn	
Nov 4	Clemson	0-26
Nov 11	Duke	14-38
Nov 18	South Car.	14-24

OFFENSE

Taking the head coaching reins for the Deacons is ex-Purdue aide John Mackovic, and sure to be one of his first assignments will be finding a reliable quarterback to man the offensive throttle. The chief candidates at the signal calling spot are senior Bob Hely (5-11, 185), junior Ken Daly (6-4, 200) and sophomore Frank Emma (6-1, 190), none of whom have much varsity experience. If and when a quarterback who can throw the pigskin emerges, there to latch onto any aeriels tossed in his direction will be junior split end Tom Smith (6-3, 185), who notched 24 receptions last season, while vying for the flanker spot are sophomore Larry Ingram (6-1, 185) and JUCO import Ed Wright (6-1, 175). Moving in at tight end is junior Sid Kitson (6-5, 235).

The top gun in the rushing attack is explosive junior James McDougald (5-9, 190) who rambled for 987 yards in '77, with strong-blocking senior Stan Rolark (5-11, 205) holding over at the other running back position. In the offensive line, the returnees are senior tackle Jackie Robinson (6-3, 265) and senior guard Tim Davis (6-2, 245), but departed via graduation is All-American center Larry Teary, and his leadership will be

missed up front. Sophomore Joe Happe (6-3, 235) and junior Jim Smith (6-4, 250) are slated to take over at center and guard, respectively, while bidding for the other tackle spot are junior Andy Young (6-3, 250) and sophomore Greg Kincade (6-5, 240).

DEFENSE

Eight regulars return on defense, although they'll have to improve at shutting down enemy attacks or lose their starting jobs. In the line, the holdovers are senior tackle Bruce Hopkins (6-2, 235) and junior tackle Frank Armstrong (6-3, 240), junior end Gary Vick (6-2, 220) and junior middle guard James Parker (5-10, 210). Counted on for additional help up front will be sophomores Alex Brown (6-3, 245), Dwayne Crayton (6-1, 260), Mike Wisher (6-4, 225) and Eddie Yarnell (6-4, 215).

Graduation left some gaping holes in the linebacking corps, and relied on to shore up this area are juniors Rick Dadouris (5-11, 210) and Marc Hester (6-0, 225), sophomore Carlos Bradley (6-0, 215) and JUCO recruit Larry Dorsey (5-11, 205). Three-fourths of the secondary crew returns, paced by all-ACC senior James Royster (6-0, 175). Also holding over in the deep zones are juniors Mark Lancaster (6-0, 185) and Reggie Tice (6-0, 185), while bidding to fill the lone vacancy are senior Mark Mattiko (6-3, 200) and sophomore Lewis Owens (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

The Deacons went out and hired a new head coach, John Mackovic, following the disaster of last year's 1-10 performance. But unless the new skipper can find an adequate quarterback, and shore up a porous defense, it's hard to see how the Deacons will notch many additional wins in '78.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Furman	
Sep 16	Kentucky	
Sep 23	Duke	21-25
Sep 30	Georgia	13-15
Oct 7	Georgia Tech	17-0
Oct 14	Ohio	
Oct 21	Mississippi	10-17
Oct 28	No Carolina	0-17
Nov 4	No Carolina St	3-7
Nov 18	Wake Forest	24-14
Nov 25	Clemson	31-27

OFFENSE

The only question mark on offense for the Gamecocks is at quarterback where Ron Bass has graduated. But Coach Jim Carlen seems optimistic one of the signal calling aspirants can fill the bill. Sophomore Garry Harper (6-0, 175) will probably open the '78 season at QB, although breathing down his neck will be

juniors Skip Ramsey (6-1, 190), Jay Feltz (6-2, 195) and Greg Gresham (5-9, 175), along with sophomores Steve Swinehart (6-2, 185) and Ray Derrick (6-2, 185). The foremost returnee in the pass receiving contingent is speedy junior flanker Zion McKinny (6-1, 190), who darted under 15 aials last season. Junior letter winner John Bailey (6-1, 180) and JUCO recruit Len Oliver (6-1, 185) will get first crack at the vacant split end position, while at tight end, sophomores Ben Cornett (6-2, 220) and Willie Scott (6-5, 240) are the top prospects.

The rushing attack is sure to be strong, with most of last year's top ground gainers holding over. Junior Steve Dorsey (6-0, 210) and sophomore George Rogers (6-3, 210) will line up at tailback and fullback, with support from junior Spencer Clark (6-1, 180) and sophomore Johnnie Wright (6-2, 195). The offensive interior line will have to be retooled after the graduation of three regulars. But returning starters helping with that transition are senior center Danny Clancy (6-1, 235) and senior guard Tony Penny (6-1, 240). Junior Fred David (6-1, 230) will take over at the other guard, and slated to fill the tackle holes are Penn State transfer George Schechter, a 260-pound junior, and sophomore Steve Gettell (6-2, 240), who lettered last season as top backup.

DEFENSE

Some repair work will also have to be done on defense with six regulars graduated, but one area that looks sound is the front wall where three starters are back on duty—senior middle guard Bill Janus (6-0, 230), senior end John Dantonio (6-2, 220) and junior tackle Steve Bernish (6-5, 250). Junior Fred Sinclair (6-1, 240) and sophomore Chuck Allen (6-4, 240) are the leading candidates at the other tackle, while bidding for the vacant flank spot are senior Roger Woolbright (6-1, 210), junior Bret Bond (5-11, 215) and JUCO recruit Art Broussard (6-3, 200).

Holding over at one linebacking position is junior Tim Singleton (6-3, 220). Trying to lay claim to the other 'backer post are junior Scott Wade (5-11, 210), a transfer from North Carolina State, and junior John Boyle (6-1, 215). The lone returnee, but a good one, in the secondary is senior Rick Sanford (6-1, 195). In line for the other spots in this area are junior Al Stevens (5-10, 180), sophomore Mark Bridges (5-10, 180) and JUCO import Andy Hastings (5-10, 185).

SUMMARY

The Gamecocks finished under .500 (5-7) last season while playing an unusual 12-game schedule. But this year, despite going back to a standard 11-game slate, South Carolina has the manpower on both offense and defense to improve on their victory total and land a bowl bid.

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RETURNING STARTERS

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Defense 8

1978 Schedule

Sep 2	W'stern Carolina	
Sep 9	No Carolina St	28-23
Sep 16	North Carolina	

Sep 23	S'western Louisiana	7-9
Sep 30	Texas-Arlington	
Oct 7	VMI	14-13
Oct 14	S'thern Miss	
Oct 21	Richmond	
Nov 4	Appalachian St	45-14
Nov 11	William & Mary	17-21
Nov 18	Marshall	

OFFENSE

Barking signals on offense for the Pirates is junior quarterback Leander Green (5-8, 175), a better runner than passer who averaged 6.9 yards a carry in '77 when he rushed for 546 yards and seven TDs. If and when Green decides to throw the ball out of ECU's run-oriented Wishbone attack, on the receiving end will be junior Billy Ray Washington (6-1, 200), who caught only four passes last season but averaged 24.3 yards a catch and scored twice, junior Vern Davenport (6-3, 195) and sophomore Mike Hawkins (5-9, 185) who all figure to see action at the split end spot. Moving in at tight end is ex-tackle Joe Godette (6-3, 230), a jun-

ior best noted for his strong blocking.

The foremost of the returning ball carriers are junior Ted Sutton (5-9, 205) and senior Eddie Hicks (6-2, 210) who blasted for 706 and 393 yards, respectively, last season. Supplying additional running thump will be senior Sam Harrell (6-2, 210), sophomores Tony Collins (6-2, 200) and Doug Banks (6-0, 200), the latter a transfer from North Carolina who saw out last year. The offensive line will be built around senior tackle Mitchell Smith (6-3, 245) and senior guard Nelson Smith (6-1, 240), both returning regulars, while bidding for the other spots up front are seniors Matt Mulholland (6-0, 250), Mike Haywood (6-3, 235) and Mitch Johnson (6-3, 235), juniors Wayne Inman (6-4, 240) and Jeff Hagan (6-1, 235), along with sophomore Jim Robinson (6-5, 240).

DEFENSE

Over the years, the Pirates have produced some outstanding defensive players, and the latest cut from that mold is senior end Zack Valentine (6-2, 210), who made 73 tackles last season and ran

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back a pass interception for a touchdown. Sharing duties at the opposite flank will be senior Fred Chavis (6-2, 200) and junior John Morris (6-1, 205), while returning at middle guard is senior Oliver Felton (5-9, 220), and back on duty at the tackles are senior Wayne Poole (5-11, 240) and junior Woody Stevenson (6-5, 230).

All-star linebacker Harold Randolph is gone via graduation, but experienced returnees expected to keep this area strong are senior Tommy Summer (6-1, 210) and junior Mike Brewington (6-4, 230). The secondary will be hard for enemy passers to crack, with senior Gerald Hall (5-10, 185), along with juniors Charlie Carter (5-10, 185) and Willie Holley (5-11, 185) back for more action. Set to occupy the remaining spot is junior Ruffin McNeil (6-0, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Pat Dye's Pirates finished with a fine 8-3 record last season that included wins over ACC teams North Carolina State (28-23) and Duke (17-16). And from this corner, it looks as though the '78 edition of ECU gridders will continue those winning ways by notching seven to eight wins and possibly more if they get by rugged early season road tilts against NC State and North Carolina.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 10 Defense 9

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Tulsa	
Sep 16	Wake Forest	28-10
Sep 23	Auburn	
Sep 30	William & Mary	17-8
Oct 7	Clemson	13-31
Oct 14	W Virginia	14-20
Oct 21	Virginia	14-14
Oct 28	Alabama	
Nov 4	Kentucky	0-32
Nov 11	Florida St	21-23
Nov 18	VMI	

OFFENSE

Taking the head coaching reins for the Gobblers is former North Carolina mentor Bill Dooley, and he's going with senior incumbent Dave Lamie (6-0, 185) at quarterback. Last season, Lamie completed 43 of 107 passes for 752 yards, but he didn't throw a single touchdown aerial. Heading up the receiving corps is senior split end Ellis Savage (6-0, 185), who snared 23 aerials in '77. Sophomore Ron Zollicoffer (6-0, 180), No. 2 split end last year, has been moved to fill the vacant flanker spot, while battling for the tight end berth are senior John Drinkard (6-1, 215), the regular in '77, seniors Dave Dolphin (6-1, 220) and Jerry Onhaizer (6-2, 225).

The top honcho in the rushing attack is burly junior fullback Mickey Fitzgerald (6-2, 245), who crunched for 503 yards last season. Record-setting tailback Roscoe Coles has graduated, and bidding for his old spot are senior Dennis Scott (5-10, 180) and junior Kenny Lewis (6-1, 190). Blowing open holes for the attack is a veteran of offensive interior line, pivoted by senior

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center Tory Smith (6-3, 235). Other returning regulars up front are senior guards Leonard Walker (6-1, 245) and John Latina (5-11, 235), and senior tackles Greg Birtsch (6-4, 235) and Eddie Lewis (6-1, 240).

DEFENSE

The Gobbler defense should be tough with nine '77 regulars back, plus junior tackle Mike Faulkner (6-2, 245), a starter two years ago who missed last season because of an injury. Faulkner and junior Doug McDonald (6-5, 255) will man the tackles, while junior Danny Hill (6-2, 230), a regular at tackle last season, has been moved to the middle guard spot. Guarding one line flank again is senior Kent Knupp (6-2, 215), with five lettermen competing for the vacant flank—seniors Mike Hughes (6-1, 215), Charles Novell (6-0, 200) and Jim Johnson (6-4, 240), sophomores Bill Fox (6-0, 215) and Steve Jacobsen (6-6, 215).

Senior Jerry Sheehan (6-1, 215), who started several games last season, has nailed down one linebacking job. The other 'backer spot is drawing the attention of highly regarded JUCO import Nate Parker (6-3, 225), and sophomores Chris Cosh (5-11, 210), Bryson Cramer (6-0, 210) and Ron Luraschi (5-11, 220). The secondary crew returns intact, paced by senior Gene Bunn (5-10, 185), who picked off six passes last season. Also holding over in the deep zones are seniors Chip Keatley (6-2, 195), Gary Smith (6-0, 190) and Dennis Windmuller (6-1, 190).

SUMMARY

The Hokies slumped to a 3-7-1 record last season, so it came as little surprise when Jimmy Sharpe was ousted as head coach and replaced by Bill Dooley. Dooley inherits a team with good potential, and if he can come up with a decent quarterback, the '78 Cobblers could fly above the .500 mark.

RICHMOND

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 10

1978 Schedule		
Sep 2	Southern Miss.	
Sep 9	West Virginia	0-36
Sep 16	Wisconsin	
Sep 23	Appal. St.	21-13
Sep 30	Cincinnati	
Oct 7	Villanova	
Oct 14	VMI	0-25
Oct 21	East Car.	14-35
Nov 4	North Car.	0-31
Nov 11	UT Chatt.	
Nov 18	Wm. & Mary	13-29

OFFENSE

The Spiders lost quarterback David Taylor via graduation, and finding an adequate replacement is essential for a potent offensive punch. Junior Gary Gregory (6-1, 180), No. 2 signal caller in '77, is convinced he'll win the starting nod, although not until he fends off sophomore James Short (6-0, 180). Waiting to pull down any aerials thrown at them are sophomore wide receivers Mike Carter (6-3, 195) and Ken Tweedy (6-0, 185), along with sophomore tight end Ian Beckstead (6-4, 245), a promising young trio that combined for 29 catches last season.

Also departed via the graduation route is top '77 ground gainer Buster Jackson, but returning are ball toters like senior Milt Ruffin (6-2, 210), juniors Tim Thackers (5-11, 200) and Demetri Kornegay (6-1, 200), along with sophomore Jesse Williams (5-8, 170), which should make the rushing attack potent again. Opening holes up front are juniors Forest Paulson (6-1, 240) and Joe Kroger (6-2, 235) at tackle and center, respectively, along with sophomore tackle Jesse Moore (6-3, 265), all '77 regulars. Bidding to fill the guard holes are juniors Ray Greaser (6-3, 235), and Chuck Edwards (6-0, 235), plus sophomore Ricky Jenkins (6-2, 235).

DEFENSE

All but one '77 regular is holding over on defense, which is bound to make the Spiders' goal line tough to cross. Returning intact is the front wall, bellweathered by junior nose guard Ken Gilliam (6-2, 235). Back at the line flanks are senior Ray Chase (6-3, 225) and junior Jim Coppola (6-3, 215), with senior Billy Cheshire (6-3, 255) and junior Greg Mitchell (6-5, 255) plugging their customary tackle holes. Backing up one side of the line is senior Ray Kelly (6-0, 200), while junior R.V. Owens (6-1, 220) and sophomore Larry Brown (6-2, 210) are eye-balling the other linebacking spot. The pacesetter in an all-veteran secondary is senior Jeff Nixon (6-4, 195), an All-American prospect who intercepted four passes last season. Also

returning in the deep zones are seniors Dave Haynie (6-2, 190) and Ricky Crawford (5-11, 195) and sophomore Reuben Turner (6-1, 185).

SUMMARY

If great teams are built on super defensive units, which is an old football axiom, then the '78 Spiders are destined for big, BIG things. And if the offense ever shapes up at quarterback and running back, Coach Jim Taitt's latest edition of Spiders could improve a great deal on their disappointing 3-8 mark of a year ago.

WM & MARY

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	VMI	13-23
Sep 16	UConn	
Sep 23	Villanova	28-8
Sep 30	Virginia Tech	8-17
Oct 7	Appalachian St	
Oct 14	Furman	
Oct 21	Navy	17-42
Oct 28	Louisville	21-7
Nov 4	Citadel	14-13
Nov 11	East Carolina	21-17
Nov 18	Richmond	29-13

OFFENSE

Barking signals for the Indians is senior quarterback Tom Rozantz (6-2, 190), a versatile standout who passed for 1,280 yards and rushed for 420 more last

season. When Rozantz cranks up his throwing arm, his primary target will be senior wide receiver Joe Manderfield (5-11, 175) who darted for 626 yards and three TDs on 32 catches in '77. Also returning at the other wide spot is senior Mike Burgess (5-10, 180), while back at his tight end berth is senior Ken Cloud (6-4, 220).

Graduation carried off 1-2 rushers Jim Kruis and Keith Fimian, and lettermen trying to fill the void are seniors Andy Banks (5-11, 185) and Jeff Vanderbeek (5-11, 210), junior Al Lang (5-9, 205) and sophomore Tom Franco (5-10, 185). Incoming freshmen also looked to for ball toting help are Jeff Watters (6-1, 175), and Wayne Compton (5-11, 185) and Mike Neary (6-1, 190). Opening holes for the attack is a solid front wall, anchored by senior tackle Dudley Johnson (6-2, 260), junior tackle Bill Scott (6-2, 235) and junior guard John Cerminara (5-11, 230). The vacancies at guard and center, respectively, will be filled by senior Rick Wells (6-3, 235) and senior Bobby Rash (6-0, 210).

DEFENSE

On the defensive side, the Indians look solid in the front wall and at linebacker, but the secondary was picked clean of starters by graduation. Trying to fill those gaping holes in the deep zones will be seniors Walt Davis (6-1, 180), Craig Harrington (6-3, 195), Terry Havelka (5-11, 185), Mark Mullady (5-11, 175) and Dave Walton (6-0, 200).

Bulwarking the front wall are senior end Melvin Martin (6-0, 210), senior

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in October.**

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tackle Pete Griffin (6-3, 245) and junior tackle Dan Burnick (6-4, 255), all returning regulars. Vying for the other tackle spot are senior Keith Baklarz (6-2, 225) and sophomore Robert Short (5-11, 220), with the vacant flank position being eye-balled by senior Jon Horovitz (6-3, 210) and junior Scott Riddle (6-2, 225). The linebacking corps will be built around senior Jim Ryan (6-1, 210) and junior Steve Shull (6-2, 210) who teamed up for 183 tackles last season.

SUMMARY

Offensively, Coach Jim Root's Indians are bound to throw the pigskin a lot, with a chucker like Rozantz and the unknown status of the rushing attack. And the defense, while tough against the run, will be vulnerable to enemy throwers. The '78 Indians could match last year's 5-6 record, but it'll take some luck along the way against what shapes up as a very demanding schedule.

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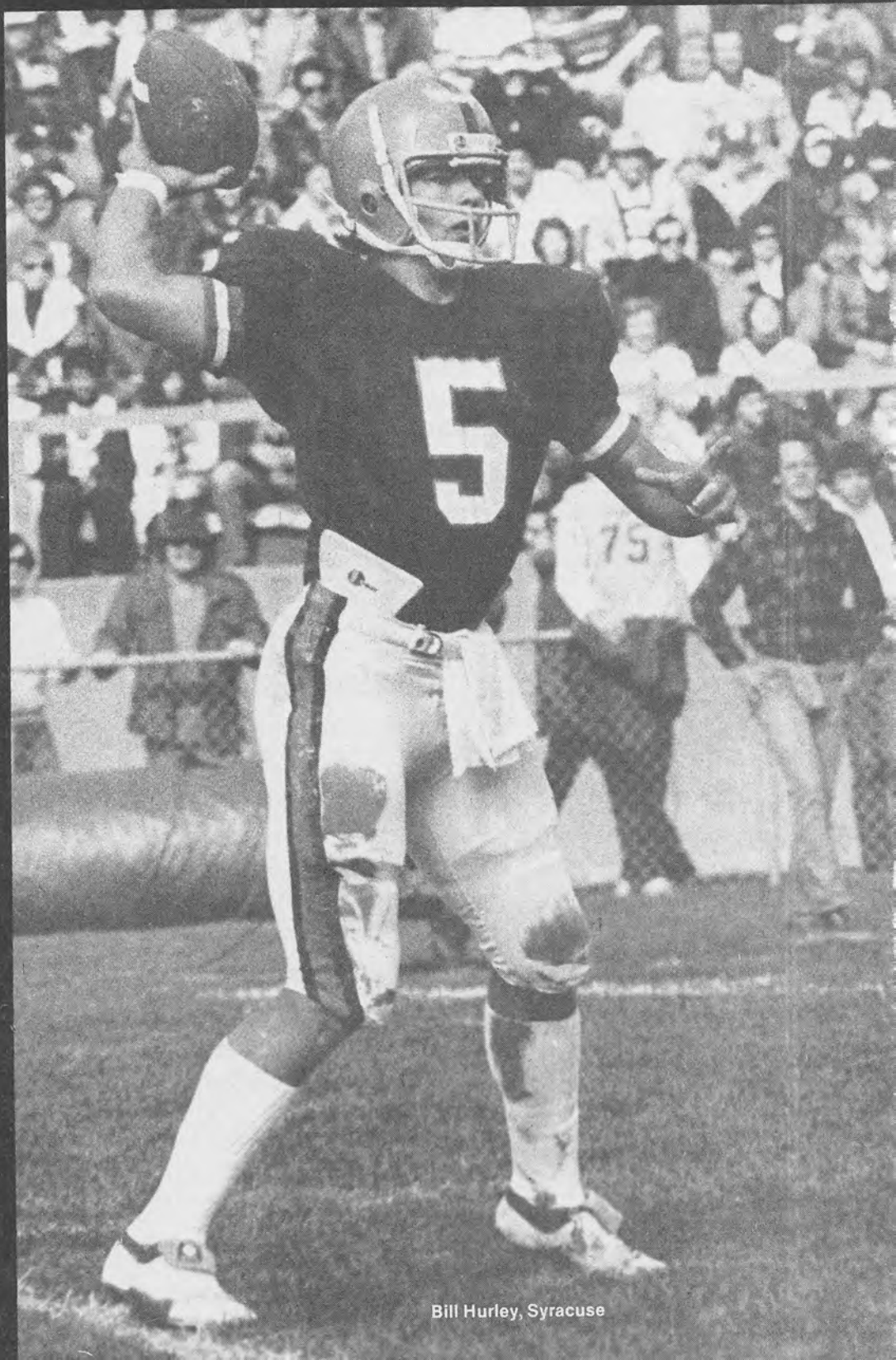
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- 2 Pittsburgh
- 3 Boston College
- 4 Rutgers
- 5 Syracuse
- 6 West Virginia
- 7 Navy
- 8 Colgate
- 9 Army
- 10 Holy Cross
- 11 Villanova

IVY LEAGUE

- 1 Yale
- 2 Brown
- 3 Penn
- 4 Princeton
- 5 Harvard
- 6 Columbia
- 7 Dartmouth
- 8 Cornell



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Independents

PENN STATE

RETURNING STARTERS

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1978 Schedule		
Sep 1	Temple	44-7
Sep 9	Rutgers	45-7
Sep 16	Ohio State	
Sep 23	SMU	
Sep 30	TCU	
Oct 7	Kentucky	20-24
Oct 21	Syracuse	31-24
Oct 28	West Virginia	49-28
Nov 4	Maryland	27-9
Nov 11	N.C. State	21-17
Nov 25	Pitt	15-13

OFFENSE

Coach Joe Paterno always seems to come up with superb quarterbacks, and the latest in that tradition is senior Chuck Fusina (6-1, 195) who passed for 2,221 yards (142-246 completions) and 15 TDs last season. The top holdover in the receiving corps is senior split end Scott Fitzkee (6-1, 185), who raced under 18 aeries in '77. Vying for the flanker spot are senior Bob Bassett (6-1, 175) and junior Tom Donovan (6-0, 185), while moving in at tight end is senior Ron LaPointe (6-3, 230).

The rushing attack will pack a lethal punch, led by junior fullback Matt Suhey (6-0, 215) who bulled his way for 638 yards last season. Other returnees certain to add additional strength to the ground attack are senior Bob Torrey (6-4, 220), junior Ed Guthrie (5-11, 205) and sophomore Booker Moore (5-11, 195). The offensive interior line should blow open a line of holes for the attack, paced by a trio of returning regulars—senior center Chuck Correal (6-3, 240), senior guard Eric Cunningham (6-3, 255) and junior tackle Keith Dorney (6-6, 255). Slated to man the vacant guard hole is junior Marty Sierocinski (6-5, 240), while battling for the other tackle are senior George Renaud (6-4, 255) and junior Irv Pankey (6-5, 240).

DEFENSE

The Nittany Lions have bid adieu to six defensive regulars, but there's a good nucleus of returning standouts to rebuild this unit around. In the front wall, one flank is protected again by senior Joe Lally (6-3, 220), with seniors Rich Milot (6-3, 220) and Fred Ragucci (6-1, 225) battling for the other flank spot. Back to fill the tackle holes are junior Matt Millen (6-5, 250) and Bruce Clark (6-4, 245), while vying for the vacant middle guard spot are senior Tony Petruccio (6-5, 240), a converted tackle, and junior Lance Mehl (6-4, 230).

Returning at one linebacking spot is hard-nosed junior Rick Donaldson (6-1, 210), who led the team with 82 tackles in '77. Senior Paul Suhey (6-1, 220) is the heir apparent at the opposite 'backer spot. In the secondary, back at their customary posts are juniors Mike Guman (6-2, 200) and Pete Harris (6-1,

195). Letter winners in the running for the remaining spots in the deep zones are seniors Joe Diminick (5-11, 190) and Tom Bradley (5-9, 185), junior Scott Hettinger (5-11, 190), sophomores Tom Wise (6-0, 175), Mick Urquhart (6-2, 195), Karl McCoy (6-0, 180) and John Walsh (5-11, 190).

SUMMARY

Last season, the Nittany Lions capped a fine year (11-1 overall) by defeating Arizona State in the Fiesta Bowl. And the '78 campaign promises to be every bit as enjoyable for Penn State rooters. Sparked by their balanced and potent offense and a rock-ribbed defense, Coach Paterno's Mount Nits will be one of the nation's top independents in '78, winning nine to ten regular season games on their way to locking up another bowl bid.

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PITTSBURGH

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 4 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Tulane	48-0
Sep 23	Temple	76-0
Sep 30	North Carolina	
Oct 7	Boston College	45-7
Oct 14	Notre Dame	9-19
Oct 21	Florida State	
Oct 28	Navy	34-17
Nov 4	Syracuse	28-21
Nov 11	West Virginia	44-3
Nov 18	Army	52-26
Nov 25	Penn St.	13-15

OFFENSE

The Panthers have bid a fond farewell to all-star quarterback Matt Cavanaugh, and filling his big shoes looms as the key to a successful attack this season. Sophomores Rick Trocano (6-1, 195), the starter in '77 when Cavanaugh was injured, and Lindsay Delaney (6-0, 185) are the chief returnees at quarterback, but a newcomer to watch is JUCO product Scott Jenner (6-2, 200). Setting the tempo in the pass catching brigade is jet-propelled senior split end Gordon "Too Much" Jones (6-0, 190) who motored for 793 yards and nine TDs on 45 receptions in '77. Senior Steve Gaustad (6-2, 220) and sophomore Benjy Pryor (6-5, 240) provide an excellent 1-2 blocking and pass catching duo at tight end, while the flanker job is being hotly pursued by juniors Willie Collier (5-11, 175) and Ralph Still (6-1, 180).

Top '77 ground gainer Elliott Walker is gone via graduation, and counted on to fill the void and keep the rushing attack potent will be juniors Fred Jacobs (5-9, 175), who rushed for 672 yards last season, Jo Jo Heath (5-11, 170), Larry Sims (5-10, 175), Steve Harris (6-1, 200), Artell Hawkins (5-10, 175) and sophomore "Rooster" Jones (5-10, 180). Another area certain to get the attention

of Coach Jackie Sherril and his aides is the offensive line, where the sole holdover is senior tackle Matt Carroll (6-3, 255). Carroll may be shifted to guard, in which case he'll probably be matched with junior Scott Hartman (6-2, 240), while senior Walt Brown (6-4, 235) is slated to man the pivot spot. The top prospects to fill the tackle berths are senior Jeff Matthews (6-5, 240), juniors Ed Gallagher (6-6, 260), Kurt Brechbill (6-2, 245) and John Richardson (6-5, 255), along with sophomore Mark May (6-5, 265).

DEFENSE

Holding over on defense are six '77 regulars, paced by one of the better pair of flankers in the East and the nation—sophomore Hugh Green (6-2, 220) and senior Dave DiCiccio (6-0, 210). Last season, Green and DiCiccio combined for 159 total tackles and 15 quarterback sacks. Senior Dave Logan (6-1, 245), a regular in '77 until sidelined with an injury, and sophomore Boyarsky (6-3, 255) share duties at middle guard, while set to occupy the tackle spots are junior Bob Gruber (6-5, 250) and sophomore Bill Neill (6-4, 245). The linebacking corps is bulwarmed by senior Al Chesley (6-3, 220), top tackler last season with 134 total, with junior Jeff Pelusi (6-0, 230) returning at the other 'backer spot. In the secondary, only senior Jeff Delaney (6-1, 190) is holding over, and trying to fill the breaches left by graduation will be senior Willie Marsh (6-0, 180), junior Scott McKeel (5-10, 175) and sophomore Lynn Thomas (6-0, 175).

SUMMARY

The Panthers are coming off a solid 9-1-2 campaign that included a 34-3 romp over Clemson in the Gator Bowl, but they'll be hard-pressed to equal that success in '78. The obvious "key" is the quarterbacking, which can make or break the attack, although the defensive unit looks in better shape than ever. And because of that rugged defense and the offensive potential of Pitt, they should finish this season high among the East independents with another fine won-lost mark, which could earn them another Bowl invitation.

BOSTON COL

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 9 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Air Force	36-14
Sep 23	Texas A&M	
Sep 30	Navy	
Oct 7	Pitt	7-45
Oct 14	Tulane	30-28
Nov 4	Villanova	17-0
Nov 11	Army	49-28
Nov 18	Syracuse	3-20
Nov 25	U. Mass	34-7
Dec 2	Holy Cross	
Dec 12	Temple (at Tokyo)	

OFFENSE

When the Purple Eagles slumped to a

6-5 record last season, Joe Yukica chucked it in as head coach to take over at Dartmouth, beating the executioner's axe by the skin of his teeth. Taking over as skipper is Ed Chlebeck, late of Eastern Michigan, and no doubt his first undertaking will be finding a new quarterback now that Ken Smith has graduated. Junior Jay Palazola (6-1, 180) is the most experienced aspirant at the signal calling spot, but that's no guarantee he'll claim the starting job. Provided a real thrower emerges at quarterback, the passing game will be potent because returning to head up the receiving corps is senior flanker Paul McCarty (6-0, 185), who "burned" enemy defenders for 514 yards and five TDs on 27 catches last season. Slated to take over at split end is sophomore Cyril Keniry (6-1, 180), while the tight end spot is really solid with returnees like senior Mike Siegel (6-2, 235), juniors Steve Giordano (6-2, 220) and Tom Carr (6-4, 225) and sophomore Tim Sherwin (6-5, 225), all of whom have starting experience.

The passing game may be suspect because of the question mark at quarterback, but the rushing attack looks very strong, led by bruising junior fullback Dan Conroy (6-2, 220) who blasted for a team-high 613 yards in '77. Other lettermen sure to get their share of the ball toting are seniors Tony Brown (6-0, 175) and Neil Green (5-10, 190) and junior Mike Curry (5-10, 180). Certain to be an important factor in the attack is a veteran offensive line, anchored by senior guard John Schmeding (6-5, 265), a *GoalPost* all-East selection. Opposite him at the other guard is senior Jim Rourke (6-4, 245), while returning at the tackles are juniors Greg Cantone (6-4, 265) and Karl Swanke (6-5, 245), with senior Bill Chaplick (6-1, 240) over the ball at center again.

DEFENSE

The Purple Eagles have eight regulars back on defense, but two of the lost warriors are out of the front wall, where returning to action are senior tackle Fred Smerlas (6-3, 265) and senior end Jim Sheridan (6-3, 215). Senior letterman Bill Ohrenberger (6-3, 225) is set to man the other line flank, and new recruits who could help out up front are frosh signees Joe Ferraro (6-4, 225), Eric Von Arx (6-6, 245) and Joe Nash (6-3, 235).

Heading up the four-man linebacking corps are juniors Jeff Dziana (6-2, 215) and Al Hagen (6-0, 210), while vying for the other two spots are junior Jack Kent (6-1, 200), a converted DE, juniors Clint Gaffney (6-2, 215) and Mike Mayock (6-3, 215) and sophomore Mike Gunn (6-3, 220). The secondary is the area of the defense that needs major repair, with junior Jeff Ryan (5-10, 185) the sole returning starter. Stepping into the breaches in the deep zones will be senior Jeff Kaufman (6-1, 185) and sophomore Doug Alston (6-1, 185).

SUMMARY

First-year skipper Chlebeck walks into a pretty good situation at BC, because his predecessors stocked the pantry with talent—but could never get a real "winner" out of it all. The offense is run-oriented, although the passing game will

be a factor if a reliable QB pops up. And the defense will be Okay if the secondary can be patched up, which it looks as though it can be. Call it a winning record for Coach Chlebeck's 1st edition of Purple Eagles, and better yet if he can get the maximum out of the talented—but unpredictable—BC gridders.

RUTGERS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Penn State	7-45
Sep 23	Bucknell	36-14
Sep 30	Princeton	10-6
Oct 7	Yale	
Oct 14	UConn	42-18
Oct 21	Villanova	
Oct 28	Columbia	
Nov 4	UMass	
Nov 11	Temple	14-24
Nov 18	Holy Cross	
Nov 25	Colgate	0-23

OFFENSE

Graduation has carried off quarterback Bert Kosup, plus No. 2 signal caller Jeff Rebholz, and their loss could hurt the Scarlet Knight offense unless Coach Frank Burns can come up with a new field general. Senior Bob Hering (6-3, 190), junior Jerry Smith (6-1, 185), and sophomores Hank Drought (6-1, 180) and Ed McMichael (6-2, 180) are the lightly experienced returnees at quarterback. And also very much in the competition will be hotly recruited Freshman Joe Garefino (6-2, 205). The pass receiving corps is a veteran crew, led by junior tight end George Carter (6-3, 230), who wrapped his big mitts around 17 aeriels last season. Also returning are senior flanker Walt Hynokie (5-11, 175) and sophomore split end Tim Odell (5-11, 180) who teamed up for 29 receptions in '77.

Powering the rushing attack is senior Glen Kehler (5-9, 175), top ground gainer last year when he zoomed for 866 yards, while others looked to for ball toting help are sophomores Lester Johnson (6-2, 190), Ted Blackwell (6-0, 195) and Dave Dorn (6-2, 190). In the front wall, there's a veteran trio—senior tackle John Gallo (6-4, 265), senior guard John Bucci (6-1, 235) and sophomore tackle Kevin Kurdyla (6-3, 240)—returning to lead the blocking charge. Sophomores John Law (6-2, 235) and Frank Naylor (6-2, 220) are bidding for the pivot spot, with junior Pete Honeyford (6-1, 235) stepping in at the other guard hole.

DEFENSE

The Scarlet Knights are young and getting better on defense, and this unit will be the team's strength if the offense runs into problems filling the quarterbacking spot. In the front wall, plugging one tackle hole is junior Dino Mangiero (6-3, 235), while moving into the tackle berth opposite him is junior Jeff Hess (6-4, 235), a letterman in '77 as top back-up. Firing in from one line flank is sophomore Phil Parkins (6-4, 220), with senior Rick Baldwin (6-1, 200) taking over at the other terminal, and returning at middle guard is tough senior Pete Zimmerman (6-1, 230).

Backing up one side of the line is senior Tim Blanchard (6-1, 215). Senior Jim Hughes (6-3, 210), who missed last season because of an injury, has returned and will man the other 'backer spot. Three-fourths of the starting crew returns in the secondary, but that one loss (all-star safety Bob Davis) was a big one. Back at their old haunts are seniors Sam Davis (6-0, 185), Bob Hynoski (5-11, 185) and Len McBroom (6-1, 180), with sophomore Ken Smith (6-2, 180) expected to nail down the remaining spot.

SUMMARY

The Scarlet Knights have enjoyed a lot of success (including 8-3 record last season) under the able direction of Coach Frank Burns, a pattern that figures to continue this year despite the graduation of standouts like QB Kosup and DB Bob Davis. Coach Burns' sixth edition of Scarlet Knights will run up another impressive won-lost mark, although a beefed-up '78 schedule will make the going a little rougher than usual.

SYRACUSE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 7

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Florida St	
Sep 16	No Carolina St	0-38
Sep 23	Michigan St	
Sep 30	Illinois	30-20
Oct 7	W Virginia	28-9
Oct 14	Maryland	10-14
Oct 21	Penn State	24-31
Nov 4	Pitt	21-28
Nov 11	Navy	45-34
Nov 18	Boston Coll	20-3
Nov 25	Miami, Fla	

OFFENSE

The triggerman for the Orangemen is senior Bill Hurley (5-11, 190), a gifted option quarterback who passed for 1,455 yards and rushed for 625 yards last season. Back to run underneath Hurley's tosses are senior wide receiver Mike Jones (6-1, 190) and junior tight end Bruce Semall (6-2, 230) who combined for 47 catches in '77. But the "main man" in the pass receiving corps is junior running back Art Monk, a versatile 200-pounder who hauled 41 aeriels for 590 yards and rushed for another 566 markers a year ago.

Hard-nosed Bob Avery was the only serious loss at running back, and the best of the holdovers are the aforementioned Art Monk and sophomore belter Dennis Hartman (5-11, 220), while the most promising newcomer is JUCO import Tom Matichak (5-11, 180). The offensive line needs some repair after losing three starters via graduation, but there're two solid returnees to build around—junior tackle Craig Wolfley (6-1, 260) and senior guard Larry Archib (6-2, 255). At the pivot spot, senior Steve Spinney (6-2, 225) and sophomore Andy Gissinger (6-4, 230) will bang heads for the starting nod, while set to occupy the vacant tackle and guard holes are senior Glenn Williams (6-0, 250) and junior Chuck Kirouac (6-4, 255).

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October 23, 1977	New England	(-2)	over Baltimore	Win	17-3
November 5, 1977	Georgia	(+4)	over Florida	Close	17-22
November 24, 1977	Miami	(+4)	over St. Louis	Win	Outright 55-14
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DEFENSE

Provided everyone stays healthy, which wasn't always the case last season, the Orange defense will put the "squeeze" on a lot of opponents. In the front wall, the wheelhorse is senior middle guard Willie McCullough (5-10, 220), while vying for the tackle spots (left vacant by graduation) will be senior Darren Welch (6-0, 240), juniors John Cameron (6-2, 240) and Chris Shaffer (6-3, 245), along with sophomores Gordie Gronkowski (6-3, 235) and Ron Richardson (6-2, 265). Richardson, who sat out last season because of an injury, has all-star potential if he stays healthy.

Backing up one side of the line is junior John Kinley (6-2, 220), while slated to man the other 'backer spot is sophomore Jim Collins (6-2, 225), a former regular ('76) returning after missing last year with a knee injury. The secondary sees the return of three regulars—seniors John Patterson (5-11, 180), Terry O'Leary (5-11, 175) and junior Warren Harvey (5-11, 180). Providing additional depth in the deep zones will be juniors DeShawn Hawkins (6-0, 180) and Brian Ishman (6-0, 175), both out last season because of (yep, you guessed it!) injuries.

SUMMARY

This is probably the finest team Coach Frank Maloney has had in his five years at the SU helm, and it will pay off with a winning record in '78 if the injury bugaboo is avoided. The schedule facing the Orangemen is a rugged one, which will probably be the only reason they don't show a major improvement on their 6-5 mark of a year ago.

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RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Richmond	36-0
Sep 16	Oklahoma	
Sep 23	No Carolina St	
Sep 30	California	
Oct 7	Syracuse	9-28
Oct 14	Virginia Tech	20-14
Oct 21	Temple	38-16
Oct 28	Penn State	28-49
Nov 4	Virginia	13-0
Nov 11	Pitt	3-44
Nov 18	Colorado St	

OFFENSE

The Mountaineers boast the ingredients for a strong attack, but the key to a potent offense is coming up with a replacement for three-year quarterback Danny Kendra. Vying for the starting nod at signal caller are sophomores Doug Banda (6-1, 190), Dutch Hoffman (6-1, 185) and Mike Williams (5-10, 185), none of whom have very much experience. Pacing the pass catching brigade is junior wide receiver Cedric Thomas (6-0, 185), who exploded for 699 yards and eight TDs on 37 receptions in '77, while slated to man the other wideout is senior Steve Lewis (6-3, 190), a former regular ('75, '76) who sat out last season because of an injury. Set at tight end is sophomore Ricky Davis (6-6, 235), filling the

vacancy left by the graduation of Randy Swinson.

Top '77 ground gainer Dave Riley has graduated, and No. 2 rusher Walter Easley has been suspended from the team for disciplinary reasons, leaving the ball totting chores to returnees like sophomores Robert Alexander (6-1, 190), Fulton Walker (5-11, 185) and Jim Thackett (6-1, 210). Alexander, a 4.5 flyer, could be a standout now that he's got some experience under his belt. Up front in the line interior, the bulwarks are senior guard Randy Weppler (6-2, 250), junior guard Terry Alessi (6-0, 235) and sophomore tackle Al Thomas (6-4, 255), all returning regulars. Junior Jeff Cortilesio (6-4, 250) and sophomore Frank Kinczel (6-6, 255) are vying for the other tackle berth, while the center spot is being contested for by juniors Tobin Gaetz (6-4, 240) and Jack Palmer (6-1, 230), along with sophomore Pat Conahan (6-2, 235).

DEFENSE

Coach Frank Cignetti is confident his defense will hold up better this season with six regulars back in tow, although the secondary needs some repair. The top ball-hawk returning in the deep zones is sophomore Fulton Walker (5-11, 185), but he may be switched to offensive running back, leaving senior John LaSavage (5-11, 175), juniors Jamie Keys (6-2, 190), Jerry Holmes (6-3, 185) and Mark Pupilli (5-11, 185) and sophomore Jody McKown (5-10, 175) to handle the secondary duties.

In the front wall, the leading defender is senior nose guard Joe Jelich (6-0, 235), credited with 96 tackles in '77, while also holding over are senior tackle Robin Meeley (6-3, 245) and senior end John Holliday (5-11, 210). Bidding for the remaining line berths are senior Norm Patterson (6-5, 255), junior Al Pisula (6-3, 245), sophomore Del Fowler (6-4, 225), JUCO import Mike Thomas (6-2, 250) and incoming freshman Jim Backna (6-4, 230). Blasting enemy ball carries from one linebacking spot is senior Jeff Macerelli (6-1, 215), top tackler last season with 172 stops, with senior Ken Braswell (6-1, 200), sophomore Bob Tomko (6-1, 220) and freshman Bob Crites (6-4, 220) bidding for the other two 'backer spots.

SUMMARY

Last year's Mountaineers finished with a 5-6 log, and what with the questionable situation at quarterback and running back, they'll probably be lucky to notch that many victories again this season. And just to make matters tougher, the '78 schedule is a "toughie" with games against powers like Oklahoma, NC State, California, Penn State, Pittsburgh and others.



NAVY

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6

Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Virginia	
Sep 23	UConn	38-7
Sep 30	Boston Coll	
Oct 7	Air Force	10-7
Oct 14	Duke	16-28
Oct 21	William & Mary	42-17
Oct 28	Pittsburgh	17-34
Nov 4	Notre Dame	10-43
Nov 11	Syracuse	34-45
Nov 18	Florida St	
Dec 2	Army	

OFFENSE

The triggerman on offense for the Middies is senior Bob Leszczynski (6-0, 195), one of the best quarterbacks in the East who tossed strikes on 110 of 223 passes for 1,509 yards and eight TDs last season. Back to run underneath his aerials again is gifted senior split end Phil McConkey (5-10, 175), who sprinted for 596 yards on 34 receptions and averaged 13.5 yards (3rd nationally) on punt returns in '77. Seniors Sandy Jones (5-8, 165) and Bob Wilson (6-1, 190) are lettermen sharing duties at flanker, while junior Carl Hendershot (6-3, 215) is set at tight end.

Record-setting rusher Joe Gattuso (1, 292 yards in '77) has graduated, but returning are junior fullback Larry Klawinski (6-0, 225) who blasted for 424 yards a year ago, senior Dave Walker (5-11, 215) and a pair of sophomores with good potential—Steve Callahan (5-11, 175) and Mike Sherlock (5-11, 185). The offensive line interior was bit by the graduation bug, too, although junior guard Rick Bott (6-4, 245) and senior guard/center Steve Kremer (6-0, 220) are battle-tested regulars back in the fold. Bidding to claim the other starting assignments up front are senior Kurt Schafer (6-0, 240), juniors Jerome Barker (6-3, 245) and John Taylor (6-4, 245), along with sophomores Mike Dolan (6-2, 225) and Rick Welch (6-4, 235).

DEFENSE

Coach George Welch will have to re-tool the defensive unit since six regulars have walked the graduation gangplank. The area hit hardest by graduation was the secondary, where the lone returning regular is junior Greg Milo (5-11, 195) and among the missing is All-East John Sturges. Trying their best to fill the holes in the deep zones are a quartet of '77 lettermen—senior Kit McCulley (6-0, 185), juniors Chuck Klein (6-0, 195), Joel Ross (6-1, 190) and Charles Zingler (5-11, 185).

In the defensive line, back at their old posts are junior tackle John Merrill (6-6, 250), junior end Charlie Thornton (6-1, 210) and junior middle guard Charlie Meyers (6-0, 225). Monogram winners expected to help in the front wall are seniors Mark Stephens (6-0, 215) A.B. Miller (6-1, 225) and Tom Thompson (5-10, 220), juniors Reggie Trass (6-0, 240), Bart Nixon (6-4, 225) and Phil Hedrick (6-4, 240), plus sophomore Steve Chambers (6-1, 220). Junior Tom Paulk (6-3, 210)

and senior Nick Mygas (6-0, 220) hold forth at the linebacking spots, with support from sophomore Mike Kronzer (6-1, 210).

SUMMARY

The Middies came under the wire with a 5-6 mark last season that included a 17-14 loss to Army in THE GAME. And while the offense boasts a super pass-catch combo (QB Leszczynski and SE McConkey), and the defense has a handful of outstanding performers, this still won't be enough to help the '78 Midshipmen crack the .500 plateau against a pretty tough schedule—but Navy could end the year on the right note with a revenge win over the Army in THE GAME!

COLGATE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 2 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 17	Holy Cross	31-14
Sep 23	Lehigh	
Sep 30	Cornell	28-22
Oct 7	Harvard	38-21
Oct 14	Villanova	
Oct 21	Princeton	31-13
Oct 28	Army	
Nov 4	Lafayette	38-12
Nov 11	Bucknell	49-17
Nov 18	Delaware	3-21
Nov 25	Rutgers	23-0

OFFENSE

Coach Fred Dunlap will have to rebuild the Red Raiders' offense almost from the ground up, with nine '77 regulars graduated, including record-setting quarterback Bob Relph. Battling for the starting nod at the signal calling spot are senior Alex Mancini (5-10, 185), junior John Marzo (6-3, 180) and sophomore Jeff Carty (6-2, 185), but Mancini's the only one of the three with much experience and even that's pretty limited (9 of 23 on passing attempts in '77). Provided a quarterback who can fire the pigskin emerges, senior split end Dick Slenker (6-1, 170), who hauled in 44 passes last season, will hold onto any tosses aimed at him. Slated to man the tight end berth is junior Mike Getman (6-1, 200), a starter part of the '77 campaign when he caught 11 aeriels.

Graduation also dealt a harsh blow to the rushing attack, carrying off Henry White (1,032 yards in '77) and Pat Healy (936 yards). Trying their best to fill that void will be seniors Jim Comforti (5-10, 180) and Bruce Malverty (5-10, 170), junior Steve Hill (5-10, 185) and sophomore Ron Harris (5-9, 180), the latter a potential standout if he stops getting hurt so much. In the offensive line, it's the same old story, with senior guard Dave Bachman (6-3, 220) the only returning regular. Vying for the other spots in the front wall will be seniors Jim Miller (6-2, 235), Bruce Nardella (6-2, 230) and Rich Rodd (6-2, 225), plus junior Mike Twomey (6-5, 245).

DEFENSE

The Red Raiders welcome back eight regulars on defense, and chief among the holdovers is senior linebacker Doug Curtis (6-1, 210), credited with 116 total

tackles last season. Seniors Gary DiFelicce (6-0, 200), Ken Ebeling (6-5, 210) and Carl Padovano (5-11, 215) are other experienced 'backers returning for more action.

In the front wall, senior Ray Linn (6-3, 240) is set at one tackle, while junior Dan Mastrella (6-1, 245) and sophomore Jeff King (6-2, 215) are first in line for the other tackle spot. Bidding for the two flank positions are senior Joe Donnelly (5-9, 225), juniors Mike Cook (6-1, 205) and Sheldon Parrish (6-2, 240) and sophomore George Swan (6-3, 215). The Red Raiders should be tough to throw against again, since three regulars are back in the secondary—seniors Paul Lawler (6-1, 190), Robert Crowley (6-1, 185) and Tom McGarrity (6-1, 185).

SUMMARY

Colgate came within a whisker of an unbeaten year in '77, before a season ending loss to Delaware (21-3) shattered that dream. And while Coach Dunlap welcomes back enough talented personnel to lead the Red Raiders to another winning record in '78, the graduation losses sustained on offense will prevent an encore of last year's banner mark.

ARMY

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 10

1978 Schedule		
Sep 16	Lafayette	42-6

Sep 23	Virginia	
Sep 30	Wash. State	
Oct 7	Tennessee	
Oct 14	Holy Cross	48-7
Oct 21	Florida	
Oct 28	Colgate	
Nov 4	Air Force	31-8
Nov 11	Boston Coll	28-49
Nov 18	Pitt	26-52
Dec 2	Navy	

OFFENSE

Gone is the heart-and-soul of the Cadet attack, quarterback Leamon Hall, who graduated with just about every school record for passing and total offense. Getting first crack at the signal calling spot is junior Earle Mulrane (6-3, 200), the top reserve last season when he connected on seven of 20 passes. Returning to pace the receiving corps is senior tight end Clennie Brundidge (6-4, 225), a solid All-America candidate who ranked among the national leaders last season with 51 catches for 842 yards. Also back in the fold are regular wide receivers Bill Skoda (6-2, 185), a junior, and sophomore Mike Fahnestock (6-0, 180).

Graduation also dealt the rushing attack a harsh blow, claiming top '77 ground gainer Greg King. Hopeful of picking up the slack are senior Jim Merriken (5-11, 195) and junior Jon Dwyer (5-10, 185), who rushed for an aggregate 679 yards last season. Yet another area of the offense needing repair is the interior line where the only holdover regulars are senior center Chuck John-



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ston (6-4, 230) and senior tackle Joe Oliver (6-3, 240). The heir apparent at the other tackle is senior letterman Gene McIntyre (6-4, 235), although pressing him will be juniors Bill Duelle (6-4, 230), Barron Klopfenstine (6-6, 240), Ron Decker (6-4, 235) and Cliff Triplett (6-4, 230). At the guards, the foremost prospects are juniors John Kiesel (6-1, 235) and Chuck Boucher (6-1, 235), sophomores Tim Dolan (6-2, 220) and Charlie Lane (6-1, 235).

DEFENSE

With ten regulars back on defense, this unit will be the strength of the '78 Cadets. Returning in the front wall are senior end Chuck Schott (6-2, 210), an all-East selection in '77, senior tackles Duane Fuller (6-4, 235) and Tiki Tryalor (6-1, 235), along with junior middle guard George Mayes (6-4, 230). Fighting for the vacant flank spot are senior Tom Hayden (6-0, 200) and sophomore Chuck Swanson (6-4, 205).

Both starting linebackers, senior Kirk Thomas (6-3, 220) and junior John Hilliard (5-11, 210), are back to lower the boom on enemy ball carriers. In the secondary, which will keep enemy passing attacks at bay, there's five players returning who have starting experience—seniors Ed Clemons (5-10, 185), Joe LeGasse (5-9, 180) and Steve Smith (6-2, 190), juniors Doug Lowrey (6-1, 175) and Dave Charest (5-11, 185).

SUMMARY

The Cadets finished 7-4 last season, including a win over Navy in the BIG game, probably saving Coach Homer Smith's job. But with the severe losses sustained on offense, and faced with a pretty rugged schedule, Army will be lucky to win as many as five games in '78. And they'll also be lucky if they can make it two victories in a row over the Midshipmen in this year's BIG game.

HOLY CROSS

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8 Defense 8

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	New Hampshire	14-27
Sep 16	Colgate	14-31
Sep 23	Air Force	
Sep 30	Dartmouth	14-17
Oct 14	Army	7-48
Oct 28	Brown	13-44
Nov 4	Boston University	13-14
Nov 11	Massachusetts	6-28
Nov 18	Rutgers	
Nov 25	Connecticut	14-3
Dec 2	Boston College	35-20

OFFENSE

Sharing the signal calling duties for the Crusaders again are senior Pete Colombo (5-10, 180) and sophomore Joe LeMay (6-1, 185), both of whom started games last season. The foremost returnee in the receiving corps is senior tight end Mike Smith (6-5, 240), who nabbed 12 tosses in '77. Taking over at split end is senior Craig Cerretani (6-4, 195), a '76 regular out last year because of an injury.

The rushing attack will be potent, with all of last year's top ball toters

back. Leading the way is junior Crocky Nangle (5-9, 195), who slashed for 603 yards in '77, with able support from juniors Brian Doherty (6-1, 190) and Larry Ewald (5-11, 190). Four regulars return in the offensive interior line, paced by senior guard Bob Hurley (6-3, 240). Other starters back up front are senior guard Joe DeSisto (6-0, 235), junior center Jack McGovern (6-2, 225) and junior tackle Mark Bates (6-2, 230).

DEFENSE

Eight regulars are back on defense, including three stalwarts in the front wall—junior tackle Jay Howlett (6-4, 240), senior end Mike Hanne (6-3, 215) and junior end Steve Gannon (6-3, 230). Graduation hurt the Crusaders at line-backer, however, and lettermen hoping to shore up this area are juniors Paul Di-Gangi (6-2, 220) and Mike Murnane (6-2, 215), along with sophomore Dana Cresta (6-2, 225). The Crusaders employ three defensive backs, and the good news in the secondary is the return of the '77 starting trio—junior Glenn Verrette (5-11, 185) and sophomores Bob Ireland (6-0, 185) and Pete George (6-0, 190).

SUMMARY

Coach Neil Wheelwright's Crusaders won their last two games of the '77 campaign to finish at 2-9, and that momentum should carry over into this season. A tough schedule will probably prevent the Crusaders from logging a winning record in '77, but they will hang up a few extra notches in the win column.

VILLANOVA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 5

1978 Schedule		
Sep 9	Bowling Green	
Sep 16	U Mass	
Sep 23	Wm. & Mary	8-28
Sep 30	Clemson	
Oct 7	Richmond	
Oct 14	Colgate	
Oct 21	Rutgers	
Oct 28	Youngstown	10-13
Nov 4	Boston College	0-17
Nov 11	Delaware	33-16
Nov 25	Temple	15-38

OFFENSE

Running the offensive show for the Wildcats is sophomore quarterback Pat O'Brien (6-3, 200) who passed and ran for over 800 yards last season. When O'Brien goes on top, his primary target will be senior wide receiver Dennis McCauley (6-1, 185) who latched onto 11 aerials in '77, while slated to take over at tight end is senior Paul Columbia (6-5, 235). The rushing attack is headlined by bruising senior fullback Vince Thompson (6-2, 230), who crashed for 977 yards a year ago, with senior Charlie Gross (5-9, 175) and junior Greg Bedesem (5-8, 185) returning at the halfbacks after rushing for an aggregate 498 yards in '77. In order for the attack to be really explosive, Coach Dick Bedesem must rebuild an offensive line that returns only two regulars—senior center Pat McEvoy (6-1, 240) and senior guard Chet Zalesky (6-2, 240).

DEFENSE

On the defensive side, the front wall is in much better shape, led by senior flankman Leon Mareski (6-2, 225), junior tackle Steve Duda (6-3, 255) and sophomore middle guard Howie Long (6-4, 245). Senior Joe Posch (6-3, 240) and junior Steve Slagle (6-2, 240) will fill the vacancies at tackle and end, respectively. The second line of defense is bulwarked by senior linebacker Dan Driscoll (6-2, 225), team leader in '77 with 185 total tackles, while the spot opposite him will be manned by senior Lou Gygga (5-10, 200). The secondary needs some repair since the lone returnee is senior Steve Plastek (6-1, 190), and those-in line to fill the other spots include seniors Charlie Kelly (5-10, 175), Brian Sottile (6-0, 200) and Paul Pachuta (6-1, 195), junior Bernie Hober (6-1, 190), along with sophomores Dan Burke (6-1, 190) and David Martin (5-10, 175).

SUMMARY

The Wildcats are coming off a so-so year when they logged a 4-7 record, but they'll scale to greater heights in '78 if Coach Bedesem can patch up the offensive line and the defensive secondary. Paced by standouts like RB Thompson, LB Driscoll and MG Long, this year's 'Cats should notch a few extra wins, although cracking the .500 plateau in the won-lost column depends on shoring up the areas cited above.

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YALE

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 5

Defense 7

1978 Schedule

Sep 23	Brown	10-9
Sep 30	UConn	23-12
Oct 7	Rutgers	
Oct 14	Dartmouth	0-3
Oct 21	Columbia	42-20
Oct 28	Penn	27-21
Nov 4	Cornell	28-0
Nov 11	Princeton	44-8
Nov 18	Harvard	24-7

OFFENSE

Graduation claimed starting quarterback Bob Rizzo, but that shouldn't cause Coach Carm Cozza any concern since taking over at signal caller is senior Pat O'Brien (5-11, 170). A year ago as backup QB, O'Brien hit on seven of 11 passes, demonstrating an accurate throwing arm. Running underneath his tosses are a bevy of experienced receivers, led by senior John Spagnola (6-4, 210), who cruised for 593 yards on 35 catches last season. Senior Bob Krystyniak (6-2, 200) and junior Ken Hill (6-0, 185) will also see their share of the aerial action.

Two-time 1,000-yard rusher John Pagliaro has departed via graduation, and taking over at his halfback spot is junior Mike Sullivan (6-0, 185), with support from junior Mike Austin (5-7, 175). Holding over at fullback is senior Rick Angelone (6-3, 215), with backup assistance again from junior Mike McIntyre (6-2, 205). Coach Cozza will rebuild the offensive interior line around senior guard Mark Noetzel (6-1, 220) and senior tackle Brian McNamara (6-2, 230). Battling for the other berths in the front wall are seniors Lou Orlando (6-2, 210) and Pete Maples (6-1, 220), junior Craig Corelli (6-3, 215) and a pair of promising sophomores—Bob Regan (6-4, 240) and Dan Skarzynski (6-2, 225).

DEFENSE

Hardly a year goes by that the Elis don't field a tough defensive unit, and this year's stop troops are a chip off the old block. Returning to bulwark the front wall are senior end Clint Streit (6-3, 210) and senior tackle Bob Skoronski (6-1, 225). The vacant tackle spot is being contested for by senior Frank Paci (6-2, 230), sophomores Matt Crane (6-4, 225) and Mark Goodfriend (6-3, 240), with the vacant flank spot up-for-grabs between senior Dan Goodfriend (6-2, 220) and junior Jim Dwyer (6-0, 205). Battling for the middle guard berth are junior Ron Barlow (5-11, 215) and sophomore Kevin Czinger (5-10, 210).

Backing up the line are a pair of stellar defenders who started all of last season—senior Bill Crowley (6-3, 220) and junior Tim Tumpene (6-0, 200). The secondary welcomes back three battle-

toughened regulars—seniors Kevin Gardner (5-11, 180), Kurt Nondorf (6-0, 185) and Steve Skrovan (5-10, 180). Vying for the fourth spot in the deep zones are junior Rusty Meyer (6-1, 180) and sophomore Dave Novosel (6-2, 185).

SUMMARY

The Elis ruled the Ivy League with a 7-2 record last season, Coach Cozza's sixth league title in his 13 years at the helm. And this year's Elis, who should be able to compensate for the graduation losses on offense, have a good shot at presenting Cozza with his 7th Ivy championship in '78.

BROWN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 6

1978 Schedule

Sep 23	Yale	9-10
Sep 30	Rhode Isl.	28-10
Oct 7	Princeton	10-7
Oct 14	Penn	7-14
Oct 21	Cornell	21-3
Oct 28	Holy Cross	44-13
Nov 4	Harvard	20-15
Nov 11	Dartmouth	13-10
Nov 18	Columbia	21-14

OFFENSE

Setting the Bruin offense in motion again is senior quarterback Mark Whipple (6-1, 185), a good option man who ran and passed for 1,343 yards last season. Also returning is Whipple's favorite target, junior split end Mark Farnham (5-9, 175) who sped for 384 yards on 25 catches in '77. Junior Scott Kidger (6-6, 230) will once again be anchored at tight end, with senior Barry Blum (6-1, 175) moving into the split end berth.

Top '77 ground gainer Seth Morris has graduated, but the rushing attack doesn't figure to be much weaker with returnees like juniors Jo Jo Jamiel (5-8, 175) and Marty Moran (5-11, 200), who rushed for an aggregate 718 yards last season. The wheelhorse in a solid offensive interior line is senior center Mike Knight (6-3, 230), an all-league pick, while also back at their old spots are senior guard Bob Forster (6-4, 235) and junior tackle John Sinnott (6-5, 255).

DEFENSE

The Bruins lost some outstanding members of last year's rugged defense via graduation, but this unit will still be tough to dent. In the front wall, leading the way are senior middle guard Mike Lancaster (5-11, 225) and senior end Tom Thurow (6-3, 210), both returning regulars. Senior Stan Maximovich (6-2, 235) and junior Rock Tate (6-0, 230) are slated to fill the tackle holes, with the vacant flank spot going to senior Joe Llewellyn (6-0, 195).

Returning at one linebacking spot is senior Neil Jacob (5-10, 210), in on 67 tackles last season, while taking over opposite him is junior letterman Pete

Brunelli (6-0, 215). The Bruins may have the best defensive secondary in the Ivy League, with four players on hand who have starting experience—seniors Ron Brown (6-1, 180), Luke Gaffney (6-2, 200), Mike Barnes (5-11, 180) and Dick Galvin (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

Coach John Anderson's Bruins finished second among the Ivies with a 7-2 mark last season, getting nosed out for the title by Yale. Which is exactly the order of finish we forecast for this year, because Brown will run an Avis-like second to the Elis once again.

PENN

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7

Defense 6

1978 Schedule

Sep 23	Dartmouth	7-3
Sep 29	Lehigh	7-19
Oct 7	Columbia	18-30
Oct 14	Brown	14-7
Oct 21	Lafayette	42-7
Oct 28	Yale	21-27
Nov 4	Princeton	21-10
Nov 11	Harvard	15-34
Nov 18	Cornell	17-7

OFFENSE

The Quakers employ the Wishbone formation on offense, and returning to quarterback that run-oriented attack is senior Tom Roland (6-1, 190), who rambled for 589 yards on the ground last season. On the rare occasions Roland throws the ball, his primary target will be junior split end Nelson Johnson (6-0, 175), who led the team with (get this!) eight catches in '77. Alternating at tight end again are senior Tim Trautman (6-2, 225) and sophomore Jerry Smith (6-2, 210).

Heading up Penn's overland express is senior fullback Dennis Grosvenor (6-1, 210), who rushed for a team leading 743 yards last season. At the two halfback spots, returnees with good ability are seniors Phil Avila (5-8, 180), Kevin Blake (5-9, 175) and Joe Poggi (6-0, 200), along with juniors John Montesanti (5-11, 185) and Chuck Gaudet (5-11, 190). The offensive interior line is solid up the middle, where alternating centers senior Cyril Zaneski (5-11, 210) and junior Tom Kearney (6-1, 235) are back, and so are senior guards Boris Radisic (6-3, 225) and Tom Sweeney (6-1, 225). Vying for starting rights at the vacant tackle spots are senior Barry Berenson (6-1, 230), sophomores Pete Cusick (6-0, 230), Tom Katon (6-3, 225) and Brian O'Neill (6-3, 220).

DEFENSE

Six regulars are back on defense, but Coach Harry Gamble must rebuild a graduation-riddled front wall where the only returnees with starting experience

are junior end Gary Winemaster (6-4, 220), and alternating middle guards Kevin Pickell (6-0, 220), a senior, and junior Jeff Ellis (6-1, 230). Seniors Bob Baumgartner (5-11, 215) and Gary Rinaldi (6-1, 200) will fight it out for the vacancy at the other flank, while stepping in at the tackles are senior Bill Nelson (6-0, 240) and sophomore Dave Papenfuss (6-1, 210).

At linebacker, seniors Tom Mazich (6-2, 200) and Jim Molnar (5-11, 215) both have starting experience, and they'll be assisted by sophomores Dave Schmidt (6-1, 210) and Brian Lytwynec (6-2, 215). Returning to their old stomping grounds in the secondary are seniors Dan Huber (5-11, 180) and Rich Manning (6-0, 175), with the other two spots ceded to senior Kevin Weir (6-1, 175) and sophomore Greg Herumings (5-11, 185).

SUMMARY

The Quakers were the "Cinderella Team" among the Ivies last season with a 5-4 record and a third place finish. Which is exactly where the '78 Penn gridders are likely to finish again: on the third rung of the Ivy ladder with another winning record.

PRINCETON

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 8 Defense 9

1978 Schedule		
Sep 23	Cornell	34-0
Sep 30	Rutgers	6-10
Oct 7	Brown	7-10
Oct 14	Columbia	28-7
Oct 21	Colgate	13-31
Oct 28	Harvard	20-7
Nov 4	Penn	10-21
Nov 11	Yale	8-44
Nov 18	Dartmouth	11-14

OFFENSE

Leading the Tigers into action will be new head coach Frank Navarro, a name Ivy Leaguers will remember from his stint as skipper at Columbia a few years back. Navarro's major undertaking will be to find a quarterback, and the first prospects he'll examine are senior Steve Garza (6-1, 185), junior Ken Barrett (6-1, 190) and sophomore Mark Lockenmeyer (6-2, 195). Barrett, the No. 2 QB last season, should nail down the starting job based on his edge in experience. The pacesetter in the receiving corps is junior wide receiver Rich Keefe (6-0, 165), who caught a team-high 17 aials in '77, but the regulars at the other wide receiver and tight end have graduated. At the wideout, the top candidates are senior Steve Tishman (6-4, 200), juniors Vince Battaglia (6-0, 180) and Dave Chandler (6-0, 180), with seniors Ed Arlin (6-2, 210) and Jeff Dalrymple (6-2, 215) getting first crack at tight end.

The Tigers welcome back a host of experienced running backs, but alas, one of them is not top '77 rusher Bobby Isom. Trying to take over as the new No. 1 ground gainer are seniors Gary Larson (5-11, 200) and Ken Foote (6-0, 190), junior Jeff Pyros (5-11, 185) and sophomores Marty Johnson (5-11, 195) and Cris Crissy (6-0, 185). A big plus for the offense is

the return of the entire interior line—senior tackles Dwight Coleman (6-2, 230) and Dan Friel (6-5, 225), senior guards Greg Bauman (6-3, 225) and Frank Paolucci (6-0, 225) and senior center Andy Stephens (6-2, 220).

DEFENSE

With nine '77 regulars back, the Tiger defense should sprout bigger claws this season. Returning in the front wall are junior tackles Matt McGrath (6-3, 240) and Joe Lundie (6-3, 235), as well as senior middle guard Pete Funke (6-3, 225). Vying for the two vacancies at the flanks are seniors Bill Powers (6-1, 200) and Bob Piselli (6-3, 210), sophomores Rob Cuomo (6-1, 215) and Paul Van Pelt (6-0, 210).

Backing up the line again are seniors Bob Ehrlich (6-0, 210) and Andy Hvidston (6-1, 215), who teamed up for 217 tackles last season. The secondary welcomes back four players who started at various times in '77—seniors Paul Converse (6-1, 185), Jerry Peacock (5-10, 175), Bob Daly (6-0, 185) and Mark Goldstrom (5-11, 175). Also helping in the deep zones will be senior Felix Hester (5-10, 175) and junior Dave Foote (6-0, 185).

SUMMARY

The Tigers skidded to 3-6 last season, the reason ex-skipper Bob Casciola was bounced in favor of Frank Navarro. Navarro inherits a team with good potential provided a reliable quarterback is found. And since the QB aspirants have good promise, call it a better record for the '78 Tigers and a move up in the Ivy League standings.

HARVARD

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 6 Defense 4

1978 Schedule		
Sep 23	Columbia	21-7
Sep 30	U. Mass	0-17
Oct 7	Colgate	21-38
Oct 14	Cornell	17-7
Oct 21	Dartmouth	31-25
Oct 28	Princeton	7-20
Nov 4	Brown	15-20
Nov 11	Penn	34-15
Nov 18	Yale	7-24

OFFENSE

Under center for the Crimson is senior quarterback Larry Brown (6-3, 190), who went to the passing lanes 139 times last season, completing 79 for 1,129 yards. The lone returning regular in the pass catching corps is senior tight end Paul Sablock (6-3, 220), who snared 17 aials in '77, with backup support from sophomore Linus O'Donnell (6-6, 230). Bidding for the vacant split end spot are juniors Rich Horner (5-8, 160) and Gary Confer (5-10, 175).

Graduation also left some big holes at running back, where the only returning starter is senior Ralph Polillio (5-9, 185), who notched 208 yards last season. Lettermen with good promise are seniors Joel Boone (5-11, 175), Matt Granger (6-2, 215) and Wayne Moore (5-10, 185), but also very much in the competition is sophomore Paul Connors (6-0, 185), the MVP on last year's freshmen team. Holding over in the offensive line in-

terior, which should be solid, are senior center Joe Pellegrini (6-5, 220), senior guard Mike Clark (6-1, 230) and senior tackle Joe Kross (6-5, 245). Experienced applicants for the other two berths up front are seniors Mal DeCamp (6-3, 225), Bob Locke (6-4, 230) and Brian Silvey (6-3, 235), and junior Mike Brown (6-2, 215).

DEFENSE

The defensive unit is in for a major overhaul following the graduation of seven regulars, and the rebuilding starts right in the front wall, where the lone returning regular is senior nose guard Tom McDevitt (6-0, 210). Battling for the tackle berths are seniors Bob Murray (6-3, 235) and John Cosgrove (6-0, 220), along with juniors Frank Kane (6-4, 225) and Frank Gaudio (6-2, 225). The flank spots will go to seniors Paul Bennett (6-3, 220) and Dan Binning (6-0, 185).

Tracking down enemy ball carriers from one linebacking spot again is senior Craig Beling (6-2, 215), with junior Jim DeBello (6-0, 205) set to take over opposite him. The secondary also sees the return of only one regular—senior cornerback Steve Potysman (5-10, 175). First in line for the remaining spots in the deep zones are seniors Tom Master-son (6-0, 180) and Fred Cordova (6-0, 175) and junior John MacLeod (6-1, 180).

SUMMARY

The Crimson finished with a disappointing 4-5 record last season, the first time in the lengthy tenure of Coach Joe Restic Harvard slipped under .500. And unless Coach Restic can shore up the Crimson's graduation-riddled defense, his '78 edition of Harvard gridders are in danger of making it two losing seasons in a row.

COLUMBIA

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 7 Defense 6

1978 Schedule		
Sep 23	Harvard	7-21
Sep 30	Lafayette	21-10
Oct 7	Penn	30-18
Oct 14	Princeton	7-28
Oct 21	Yale	20-42
Oct 28	Rutgers	
Nov 4	Dartmouth	7-14
Nov 11	Cornell	7-20
Nov 18	Brown	14-21

OFFENSE

The Lions have all the ingredients for a strong attack, provided a respectable quarterback emerges to man the offensive throttle. Chief aspirants for the signal calling job are senior Cal Maffie (6-1, 190), junior Larry Biondi (5-11, 195), and sophomores Glen Trivits (6-1, 175) and Bob Conroy (6-1, 180). Heading up the pass catching brigade are wide receivers Artie Pulsinelli (5-10, 185) and Fred Sullivan (5-11, 180), both seniors. Battling for the tight end post are senior Kevin Cook (6-2, 210), junior Eric Blattman (6-2, 210) and sophomore Rich Ruzika (6-6, 235).

At the two running back spots, the Lions will probably open with senior Gerry Fitzpatrick (5-11, 185) and junior Joe Ciulla (6-0, 210). However, they'll be

pressed by two promising sophomores — Mark Hanewich (6-2, 195) and Kevin Shorey (6-3, 220). Several regulars return in the offensive interior line, but this area could be shaken up by several touted sophomores moving up to challenge after playing with last year's frosh team. At the tackles, the holdovers are seniors John Kelly (6-2, 230) and Vic Kaminski (6-3, 230), and junior Geoff Stoner (6-4, 230). Trying to push them aside are sophomores Joe Wagner (6-7, 265) and Sean Cannon (6-3, 235). Seniors Wayne Palmer (6-0, 230) and Harold Wick (6-1, 235), along with junior A.J. Sabatelle (5-11, 240) and sophomore Rich Splain (6-3, 235) are in the running for the guards. And vying for the pivot position are senior Bill Buchholz (6-1, 210), junior Shawn Fitzgerald (6-0, 200) and sophomore Mark Walsh (6-2, 230).

DEFENSE

Coach Bill Campbell is shuffling personnel on defense to make this unit stronger, and one of the first moves finds senior Parker Bagley (6-5, 230) moving from end to tackle. Returning to their old berths in the line are junior tackle Brian O'Hagan (6-3, 230) and junior end Dave Pinnock (6-1, 215), while battling for the other flank post are senior Andy Elliott (6-1, 210) and junior Mario Biaggi (5-11, 205).

Seniors Jim Boran (6-1, 210) and Mike McGraw (5-11, 200) return to lead the linebacking corps, with help in this area from seniors Paul O'Connor (6-1, 200) and Dave Chapman (6-2, 205), and sophomores Pat Sages (6-1, 195) and Rich Quadri (6-0, 200). In the secondary, the holdover regulars are senior Rich Witherspoon (5-10, 180) and junior Mike Brown (5-9, 180), with sophomores Hal Robertson (5-11, 180), Ron Gregory (6-0, 185) and Henry Young (5-10, 175) bidding for the other two deep spots.

SUMMARY

The Lions finished 2-7 last season but things are looking up because of Coach Campbell's excellent recruiting the past few years. Which should pay off with a better record for the '78 Lions, although by "better" we mean a maximum of three or four wins.

DARTMOUTH

RETURNING STARTERS

Offense 3

Defense 4

1978 Schedule

Sep 23	Penn	
Sep 30	Holy Cross	17-14
Oct 7	Boston U.	38-0
Oct 14	Yale	3-0
Oct 21	Harvard	25-31
Oct 28	Cornell	17-13
Nov 4	Columbia	14-7
Nov 11	Brown	10-13
Nov 18	Princeton	14-11

OFFENSE

The Big Green have a new skipper in Joe Yukica, former Boston College mentor, and he's tabbed senior Buddy Teevens (5-11, 185) as the starting quarterback. Last season, as No. 2 signal caller, Teevens hit on 36 of 64 passes for 401 yards. Replacements must be found at both wide receivers, and vying for those spots are senior Scott Brewster (6-

0, 175), juniors Eric Cutter (5-9, 175) and John Wilson (5-8, 160), and sophomores Len Jardine (6-0, 180) and Dave Shula (5-11, 175). Anchored at tight end once more is senior Phil Olson (6-2, 215).

Lining up at the two running back spots are seniors Jim Eden (5-11, 185), a converted flanker, and senior Gary Jenkins (5-10, 195), while moving up from last year's frosh team are sophomores Jeff Dufresne (5-11, 185), Dave Farley (6-0, 190) and John Bassindale (5-11, 180). The offensive line interior was decimated by graduation, which claimed every regular except senior center Mike Kelley (5-11, 230). Senior Mark Miosky (6-4, 225), a converted tight end, and junior Tom Marek (6-2, 220) are slated to take over at the tackles, while stepping in at the guard holes are seniors Ken Loos (6-0, 210) and Nigel Key (6-1, 230).

DEFENSE

Graduation losses were just as costly on defense, where the only area with any real stability is the linebacking. Returning to pace the 'backer corps is senior Joe Nastri (6-2, 220), and following his lead again will be seniors Tom Kuchar (5-11, 210) and Jeff Hickey (6-3, 215), junior Ed Fernandes (5-10, 200) and sophomore Jerry Pierce (6-1, 205).

The secondary will have to be rebuilt from the ground up, and those hoping to claim the three deep spots are seniors Curtiss Rooks (5-9, 170) and Dave Stone (6-0, 180), and junior Steve Bullock (6-1, 180). No bed-of-roses, either, is the front wall, where the lone returning regular is senior tackle Ken Jansson (6-2, 245). Junior Chris Lucas (6-0, 220) will man the other tackle, while taking over at the vacant flank positions are senior Dave Brown (6-3, 205) and junior Mike Francis (6-3, 210).

SUMMARY

In their last tour under ex-skipper Jake Crouthamel in '77, the Big Green finished 6-3. But year one of Joe Yukica's tenure will see Dartmouth slip into the Ivy League's second division with a losing record, no fault of the new skipper's since his predecessor (Crouthamel) bequeathed him a down-in-the-mouth team.

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1978 Schedule

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Sep 30	Colgate	22-28
Oct 14	Harvard	7-17
Oct 21	Brown	3-21
Oct 28	Dartmouth	13-17
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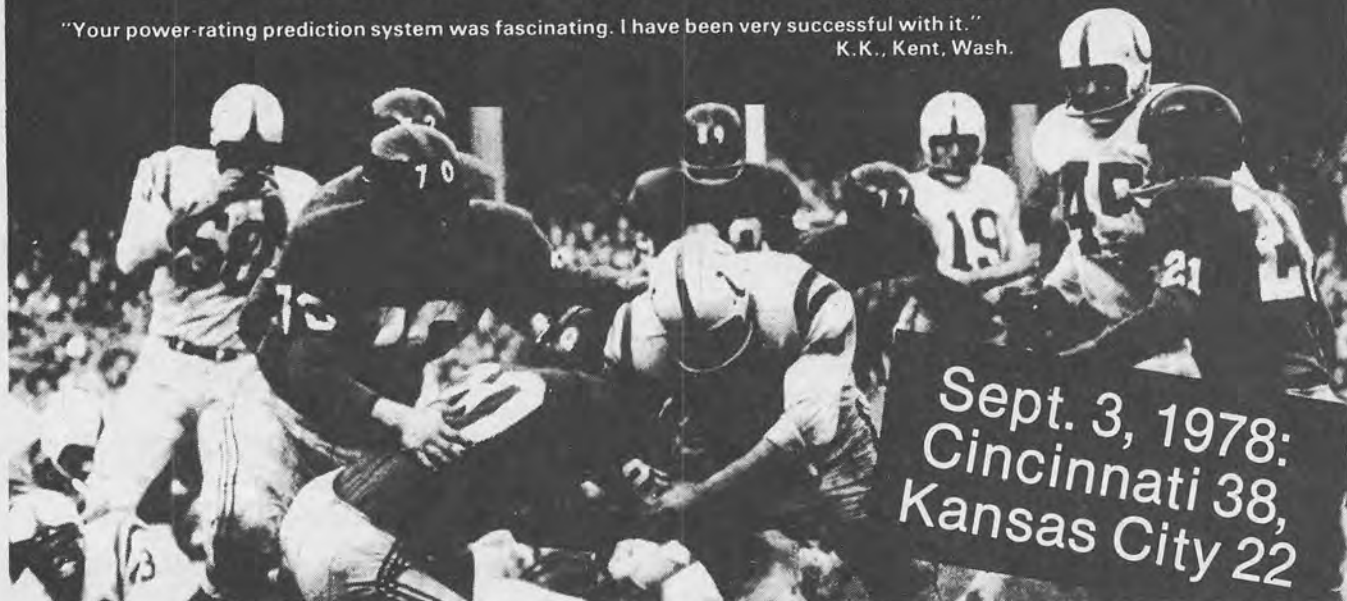
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enjoys the luxury of two experienced quarterbacks, seniors Jim Hofher (6-0, 190) and Mike Tanner (6-1, 200), both of whom started games last season. Returning to pace the pass receiving corps are senior split end Dave Rupert (6-1, 195) and junior tight end Brad Decker (6-3, 210), while battling for the starting nod at the other wide receiver are junior Keith Sepessy (6-1, 185) and sophomore Tom Weidenkopf (5-11, 180).

The rushing attack will be prolific, especially now that the NCAA has granted top ball carrier Joe Holland, a 200-pound senior, an extra year of eligibility. Holland will line up at tailback, with support from senior Ken Talton (6-2, 200). The fullback post is being contested for by sophomores Ben Tenuta (6-2, 200) and Dick Clasby (6-1, 215). Rebuilding a graduation-riddled offensive interior line, where senior tackle Rob Ainslie (6-2, 230) is the lone returning regular, is the key to a strong attack. Senior Frank Santamaria (6-4, 235) and junior Paul DeJesus (6-3, 245) are scrap-

ping for the other tackle spot, with senior Mike Donahue (6-1, 225) and sophomore Mark Chenevey (6-1, 230) taking over at the guards. Stepping in at the pivot spot is junior letterman Tom Donnelly (6-4, 220).

DEFENSE

The Big Red defense is bound to be improved with nine regulars back in camp, but there's very little depth in this unit. In the line, experienced returnees at the flanks are seniors Bob Wegler (6-1, 210), out most of last season with an injury, and Pat Hansen (6-3, 210), along with junior Pat Avery (6-3, 220). Juniors Scott Foreman (6-5, 230) and Joe Ortega (6-1, 210) return at the tackles, although Ortega could be switched to linebacker.

Leading the 'backer corps are senior Dave Kintigh (6-1, 205) and junior Mike Majeske (6-0, 195), both returning regulars, with assistance from converted tackle Ortega, senior Dan Leonard (6-0, 210), junior Sam Brown (6-3, 225) and sophomore Paul Dale (6-1, 210). Half the

starting crew—seniors Virgil Cotton (5-11, 175) and John Curran (5-11, 185)—is holding over in the secondary, with the other two spots going to sophomores Lou Montgomery (5-10, 175) and Mike Cobb (5-10, 165).

SUMMARY

Last season, in their first go-around under Coach Blackman, the Big Red finished with a 1-8 record. And while the highly respected Blackman is slowly rebuilding Cornell's grid program, the best the '78 Big Red can hope for is one or two wins.

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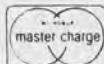
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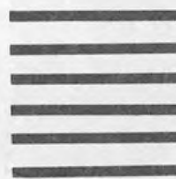


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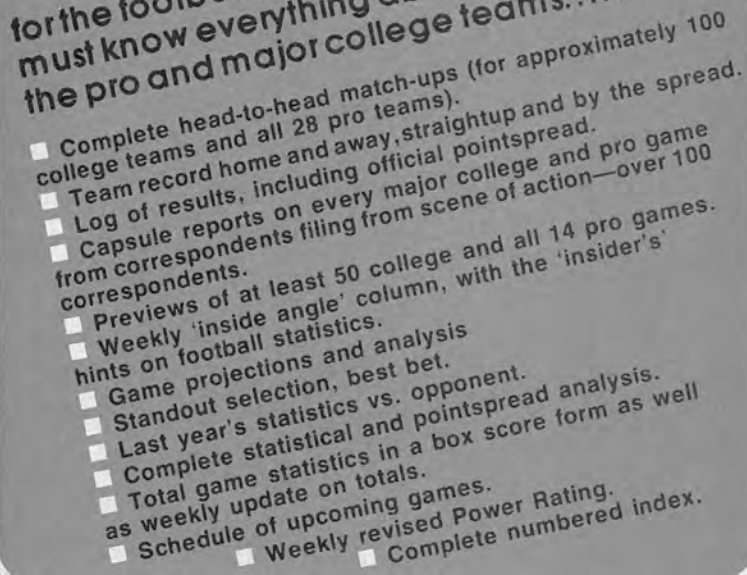
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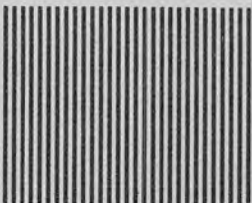
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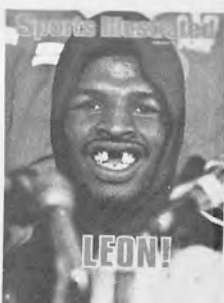
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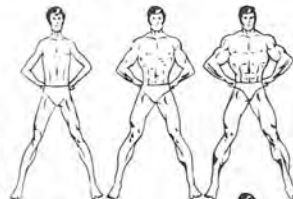


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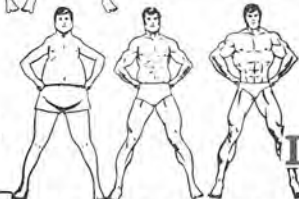
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